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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: I/M/O Verified Petition of Cypress Communications Operating Company, LLC
for Approval of a TSP Departure from the State of New Jersey
Docket No. TD15030286

Dear Secretary Sheehan:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and 11 copies of a Verified Petition of Cypress Communications Operating Company, LLC for Board Approval of a TSP Departure from the State of New Jersey.

Please return a copy of the filed petition with the assigned docket number in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

NORRIS, McLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.

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Enclosures

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Cypress Communications)

Operating Company, LLC)

for approval of a TSP Departure from)

the State of New Jersey)

Docket No. _____

TSP DEPARTURE APPLICATION PER N.J.A.C. 14:10-12

Cypress Communications Operating Company, LLC ("Cypress") hereby files this TSP Departure Application ("Application") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board").

I. THE PETITIONER

Cypress is a Delaware limited liability company with its primary place of business located at 75 Erieview Plaza, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. On December 19, 2002, Cypress was authorized to provide local exchange and IXC services in New Jersey under Docket No. TE00060418. Cypress specializes in Voice over Internet Protocol services ("VoIP"), which allow customers to make and receive voice communications over the Internet. Cypress primarily sells VoIP-based shared tenant services to business customers. Cypress has no residential customers.

Correspondence regarding this Petition should be directed to counsel for Petitioner, as set forth below.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

Cypress hereby seeks Board approval to cease operations in New Jersey. Changing market conditions require Cypress to wind down its operations in New Jersey, as well as nationally. Subject to Board approval, Cypress will cease all operations on May 2, 2015 (the "Departure Date"). Cypress also hereby requests cancellation of any active tariffs that it may have in New Jersey.

As required under New Jersey law, Cypress will unlock all E-911 records. Cypress currently has no NXX codes assigned. Cypress is sending a notification letter to all affected customers. Cypress provided advance notice to the affected customers approximately (60) days prior to the Departure Date, explaining that customers must find a new service provider. The letter is attached as Exhibit A for the Board's reference. Cypress expects that the customers will have transitioned to a new carrier before the Departure Date.

Cypress has only seven customers in New Jersey and for competitive reasons hereby requests waiver of the requirement to supply end user lists per N.J.A.C. 14:10-12.7. Alternatively, Cypress is willing to file the names under seal upon Commission request. Although there is no acquiring TSP, Kyle Bertrand (216-373-4636) will serve as migration manager to assist customers in transitioning to a new provider of their choice.

III. PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

Cypress's departure from New Jersey will not harm the public interest. First, Cypress has almost no presence in New Jersey. As of the date of this Application, Cypress has only seven customers within the state, all of which are business customers and six of which occupy a single office building. Note that Cypress has no residential customers. Second, Cypress will assist customers in locating a new service provider. For customers that may have difficulty in finding a

new provider, Cypress is notifying customers that Fusion Telecommunications International, Inc. may be a suitable option. The notices clearly state, however, that customers are free to select a provider of their choice.

Finally, Cypress will work diligently to assist customers in making a seamless transition to a new service provider, regardless of which providers are selected. Cypress will assist customers with porting their telephone numbers as needed and will unlock all E-911 records. Cypress is providing a toll-free number for customers to call if they have questions. This number will remain active for at least 60 days after the Departure Date.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, Cypress respectfully requests the Board grant this Application, approving the departure of Cypress from the State of New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,



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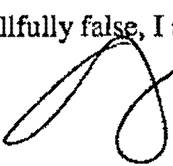
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VERIFICATION OF EUGENE BLUMIN

I, Eugene Blumin, verify the foregoing petition as follows:

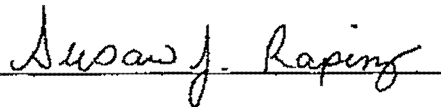
1. I am Chief Operating Officer for Cypress and am authorized to sign the verification on Cypress's behalf.
2. I have read the foregoing petition and verify that the facts contained therein relating to Cypress are true to the best of my knowledge, and the opinions contained therein are correct to the best of my belief.
3. I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: 3/2/2015



Eugene Blumin

Sworn and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March, 2015



Notary Public



My commission expires: 2/5/2020

SUSAN J. RAPINZ
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ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the declarant Eugene Blumin has acknowledged the genuineness of his signature affixed to the foregoing, and that the document or a copy with an original signature will be filed if requested by the Board or a party to this proceeding.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



James H. Laskey

Dated: March 4, 2015



February 2, 2015

[CUSTOMER NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY, STATE ZIP]

Re: You Must Choose a New Local Telephone Service Provider by March 31, 2015

Dear [CUSTOMER NAME]:

We regret to inform you that as of March 31, 2015 ("Termination Date"), Cypress Communications, LLC ("Cypress") will no longer be offering phone or data service in New Jersey.

Your action is required. You must select a new local telephone service provider as quickly as possible, AND no later than the Termination Date or you may lose your local telephone service.

You can usually find a list of local telephone service providers in your local telephone directory or on the Board's website at www.bpu.state.nj.us. If you require assistance, please contact Cypress at 844-276-2388. As a courtesy, one such provider that Cypress recommends is Fusion Telecommunications International, Inc. With the most comprehensive selection of cloud-based communications and collaboration solutions in the market today, special promotions tailored to your needs, and more than three decades of experience, Fusion is the ideal choice for your upcoming service move. Call Fusion today at 844-598-1609 to speak with a representative who can assist you in finding the best communications solution for your business. Note that you are free to select a different service provider.

After selecting a new local telephone provider, you should also contact your current local toll provider and your long distance provider to ensure that neither your current local toll calling plan nor your long distance calling plan is changed as the result of your change in local service. If you do not contact these providers, they may charge you different rates than before for local toll and long distance calls.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Cypress as your phone and internet provider and for your years of loyalty. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and wish you continued success in your business.

Sincerely,

Cypress Communications, LLC