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Ms. Joan Conrad, Executive Secretary  
Iowa Utilities Board  
1379 East Court Ave, Room 69  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Re: Application of The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa

Dear Ms. Conrad:

Please find the Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filed on behalf of The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa. This is a request from the municipal utility, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 476.29, to gain approval to compete locally in the exchange of Cedar Falls, Iowa. The municipal utility's address and principal contact is:

Robert Houlihan, CTO  
1 Utility Pkwy  
PO Box 769  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613  
Phone 319-268-5228

The notices have been served upon the appropriate parties, as shown by the certificate of service provided herein.

If you have any further questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*/s/Jill Thornton*

Jill R. Thornton

Consortia Consulting, Inc.  
515-330-2700  
[jthornton@consortiaconsulting.com](mailto:jthornton@consortiaconsulting.com)

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:	)	DOCKET NO. <u>TCU-2015-0009</u>
THE MUNICIPAL	)	
COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY	)	APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE
OF THE CITY OF CEDAR FALLS IOWA	)	OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
	)	NECESSITY

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa hereby submits its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to authorize it, pursuant to Iowa Code §476.29 and 199 IAC 22.20(4), to provide local exchange communications services in the Century Link exchange of Cedar Falls, Iowa, the geographic area referred to herein as the “Proposed Service Area.” The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa, hereinafter referred to as “Applicant”, requests a grant of authority by the Iowa Utilities Board (“IUB” or “Board”) to provide local exchange communications services in the Proposed Service Area. Applicant intends to operate as a competitive local exchange reseller of communications services including local exchange services, intraLATA services and interLATA services.

II. FACTUAL STATEMENT

In support of this Application for Authority to provide local exchange communications services in the Proposed Service Area, Applicant states as follows:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code §388.2, on October 4, 1999, the City of Cedar Falls presented its voters with a special election. The measure proposed granting the City of Cedar Falls authority to establish a municipally-owned communications or television system, telephone or telecommunications system (including video, voice, telephone, data and all other forms of telecommunications and cable communications) utility. The election also granted the Board of

Trustees of Cedar Falls Utilities authority to manage and control said communications and or television system, telephone or telecommunications system utility. This was approved by the citizens and authorized by the vote of its people.

2. Applicant seeks certification to offer local exchange services in the Proposed Service Area and will adopt the service territory map of the Cedar Falls, Iowa exchange already filed with the Board by the incumbent provider, CenturyLink.

3. Applicant will provide communications services, including local exchange services, intraLATA services and interLATA services as a competitive local exchange reseller and will offer such services to residential, commercial and industrial businesses located in the Proposed Service Area. Applicant will provide:

- voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent,
- minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users,
- toll limitation to qualifying low-income consumers,
- access to emergency services 911 and enhanced 911 services to the extent local government has implemented enhanced 911 systems.

Details in a pricing catalog regarding the Applicant's services, products, terms and conditions will be provided on its website and in its utility office. A state access service tariff will also be filed with the Board.

4. Applicant will support a 2-PIC methodology for InterLATA and IntraLATA dialing parity.

5. If the incumbent local exchange carrier has implemented thousands-block number pooling ("TBNP") in exchanges served by Applicant, then Applicant commits to utilize thousands-blocks of telephone numbers as opposed to ten-thousands blocks of numbers (commonly referred to as an "NXX"), even in those area where TBNP is voluntary, whenever it is technically feasible.

6. Applicant possesses the requisite technical and managerial qualifications to provide the services in the Proposed Service Area. Specifically, Applicant's technical and managerial qualifications are demonstrated by the professional experience of key managerial staff whose biographical information is attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

7. Notice of the filing of this Application has been provided pursuant to Iowa Code §476.29(2) to the Consumer Advocate and all providers surrounding the exchange.

8. Questions concerning this application should be directed to Applicant's consultant:

Consortia Consulting, Inc.  
16924 Frances Street  
Suite 115  
Omaha NE 68130  
Ph. 515-330-2700

9. Granting this application will serve the public interest by expanding the availability of competitive telecommunications services in the State of Iowa, promoting the potential for reduced service rates, more customer choice in providers, fostering economic development, and promoting other public interests.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the Iowa Utilities Board to grant this Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code §476.29, to authorize Applicant to provide competitive local exchange services in the CenturyLink exchange of Cedar Falls, Iowa, upon filing and acceptance of tariff for its services.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

The Municipal Communications Utility of  
The City of Cedar Falls Iowa



Pamela L. Taylor, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Exhibit A – Managers’ Biographical Information  
Exhibit B – Officer’s Affidavit

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document on the following persons and parties as required by Iowa Code §476.29(2).

Office of General Counsel  
Iowa Utilities Board  
Utilities Division  
Department of Commerce  
350 Maple Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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Department of Justice  
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Sharon Huck  
121 Main  
PO Box 159  
Readlyn IA 50668

Richard L. McBurney  
Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company  
715 Main St  
Plainfield IA, 50666

Dated this 9th day of September, 2015.

*/s/ Jill Thornton*  
Jill Thornton

EXHIBIT A  
MANAGERS' BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Rob Houlihan

Chief Technology Officer

Rob has been with the company for seven years. He is responsible for the reliable delivery of video and internet services to our customers as well as ensuring the financial stability of the utility. He also oversees Information Systems who build and maintain all corporate compute resources including the billing system.

He has been working on computers for 35 years, the last 20 professionally. Rob is a Network Engineer by trade and is known for designing, building and maintaining computer networks for businesses throughout the Cedar Valley as a consultant with RA Snyder Consultants and ACES. He received a BA in Management Information Systems from UNI in 1994.

David C. Schilling

Manager, Communications Operations

Dave has been with CFU for 20 years. Dave started at CFU as a Communications Technician and is now the manager of Communications Operations. He manages the technical aspects of cable TV and data services, including maintenance of new projects for the headend and outside plant. He oversees the design of cable systems for new construction areas and helps planners with design and implementation. Dave also provides technical assistance to Customer Service, customers and internal employees.

He has over 35 years of experience in the cable TV industry. He has supervised the building of cable TV systems in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Nebraska. For 5 years in Iowa he was a Lead Technician supervising 5 Technicians and responsible for design and construction of new projects for 16 communities in Iowa.

Dave has completed a Communications Technician apprentice program recognized by the Department of Labor and has completed three technical programs sponsored by the National Cable TV Institute.

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COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY	)	AFFIDAVIT OF Pamela L. Taylor
OF THE CITY OF CEDAR FALLS IOWA	)	

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STATE OF IOWA                    )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF BLACK HAWK        )

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and states as follows:

1. That I am the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa.
2. That I have assisted in the preparation of the Application for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the “Application”) filed by the Communications Utility in the above-identified docket.
3. That I have reviewed and am familiar with the contents of the Application, including all statements, exhibits, attachments and other ancillary and supporting documents filed therewith and relating to the Application of The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa.
4. That I have personal knowledge of the specific facts included within the Application, including all statements, exhibits, attachments and other ancillary and supporting documents filed therewith, as the same relate to the Communications Utility and its operations, and to the best of my knowledge,

information and belief, all statements of fact contained therein are correct statements of the business and affairs of The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls Iowa with respect to each and every matter set forth therein.

Dated 09/09/2015

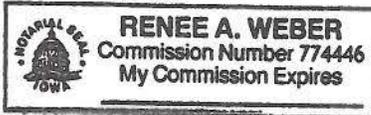


Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Subscribed and sworn to before me 09/09, 2015



Notary Public in and for  
the State of Iowa



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