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## **Via Electronic Filing**

Mark Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98502

**Re: Docket No. UT-210167** 

Cable One VoIP LLC d/b/a Sparklight - Amended Application for

**Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier** 

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Cable One VoIP LLC d/b/a Sparklight (the "Company") respectfully submits the enclosed <u>Amended</u> Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("Application") for purposes of receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") support for voice and broadband services in the State of Washington.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, the Company respectfully requests **CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT** for its FCC Form 683 (the Company's Auction 904 long-form application) as filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), which is contained in Exhibit 5 of the Application (the "Information"). The Information contains valuable commercial information, including trade secrets and confidential marketing, cost, and financial information, and network configuration and design information. The FCC has not yet released the Information to the public. Accordingly, the Company requests that the Information remain confidential until released by the FCC for public comment (and then, only those portions of the FCC Form 683 that are publicly released by the FCC should be made public in Washington).

The Information is proprietary, sensitive, commercial, and financial information that is not publicly available and, if released, could be used by competitors of the Company to cause competitive harm. Absent protection from disclosure, the Company's competitors would have access to sensitive and private proprietary information that is not otherwise publicly available. Because the Company is operating in a highly competitive market, public availability of this information would adversely disadvantage the Company. Release of the Information to the public would cause undue economic damage and substantially harm the Company's ability to compete in the marketplace. Protection of the Information does not affect the public interest and does not restrict interested parties from participating in the administrative hearing process. Furthermore, the harm that would result from the disclosure of the Information far outweighs the public interest in accessing the Information. As such, the Information should be afforded protection from public inspection.

In the event this request is denied, please provide the undersigned with notice of that determination prior to making the Information available to the public. The Company further requests the Commission stay the release of the Information until such time as an application for review of the determination is resolved. Disclosure of the Information without affording the Company an opportunity to contest a finding against confidentiality would prejudice the Company and render moot any successful appeal.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact the Company's counsel, Chérie R. Kiser (ckiser@cahill.com, 202-862-8950) or Angela F. Collins (acollins@cahill.com, 202-862-8930).

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure