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- 1. Complete this application form
- 2. Submit this form via the Records Center Web portal.
- 3. UTC will issue a registration certificate generally within 30 days

# **Include the following:**

#### **Competitive Classification**

Applicant is subject to effective competition and requests waiver of regulatory requirements outlined in 480-121-063(1).

## **Telecommunications Company Information**

Company Name: Uniti Dark Fiber LLC d/b/a: Company Mailing Address: 2101 Riverfront Drive, Suite A

City/State/Zip: Little Rock, AR 72202 Web Site Address: www.uniti.com

Unified Business Identification Number (UBI): 605 316 382

(If you do not know your UBI number or need to request one contact the Business Licensing Services at 360-664-1400 or 1-800-451-7985)

Questions regarding this application should be directed to:

Name: Jeffrey R. Strenkowski

Phone Number: 501-458-4397 Fax Number: E-mail:

jeffrey.strenkowski@uniti.com

Mailing Address: 2101 Riverfront Drive, Suite A

City/State/Zip: Little Rock, AR 72202

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hone Number: 251-6			Fax Number:
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Local Exchang	ge Service (including resale)		Data Services
Long Distance	Service		Prepaid Calling Cards
Operator Servi	ces		VoIP
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Registered Agent (A Washington Agent is required if the company is located outside Washington State):

# **Attachment 1 – Letter of Guarantee by Uniti Group Inc.**

Please accept the attached Letter of Guarantee of Uniti Dark Fiber's corporate parent, Uniti Group Inc., which guarantees Uniti Dark Fiber's obligations with respect to its registration and operation as a Telecommunications Company in Washington.





September 12, 2023

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Uniti Dark Fiber LLC Application for Registration as a Telecommunications Company

Dear Sir or Madam:

Uniti Group Inc. (NASDAQ: UNIT) ("Uniti") is the ultimate parent company of Uniti Dark Fiber LLC ("Uniti Dark Fiber"). Uniti hereby guarantees Uniti Dark Fiber's obligations with respect to its registration and operation as a Telecommunications Company in Washington. Uniti Dark Fiber does not have stand-alone financial statements to provide with its registration application because its financial results are combined with those of various other affiliated companies under Uniti's consolidated financial statements. Please accept Uniti's financial statements, and this letter of guarantee, in support of Uniti Dark Fiber's registration application.

Sincerely,

Daniel Heard General Counsel

Uniti Group Inc. and Uniti Dark Fiber LLC

# **Attachment 2 – Current Balance Sheet**

Please note that Uniti Dark Fiber LLC is a subsidiary of Uniti Group Inc., a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: UNIT). As such, Uniti Dark Fiber LLC does not produce its own financial statements and balance sheet. Rather, its financial results are reported on a consolidated basis with other entities within the Uniti Group organization (please see Letter of Guarantee provided as Attachment 1). It therefore respectfully submits the most recent balance sheet for its corporate parent, Uniti Group, which provides financial results as of June 30, 2023.

#### PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements.

## Uniti Group Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Thousands, except par value)		(Unaudited) June 30, 2023		December 31, 2022
Assets:				
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$	3,895,206	\$	3,754,547
Cash and cash equivalents		38,145		43,803
Accounts receivable, net		43,021		42,631
Goodwill		361,378		361,378
Intangible assets, net		319,967		334,846
Straight-line revenue receivable		81,415		68,595
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net		124,060		88,545
Other assets		84,695		77,597
Investment in unconsolidated entities		38,006		38,656
Deferred income tax assets, net		48,677		40,631
Total Assets	\$	5,034,570	\$	4,851,229
Liabilities and Shareholders' Deficit:			-	
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	135,378	\$	122,195
Settlement payable (Note 13)		207,863		251,098
Intangible liabilities, net		161,745		167,092
Accrued interest payable		156,558		121,316
Deferred revenue		1,213,633		1,190,041
Dividends payable		69		2
Operating lease liabilities		82,151		66,356
Finance lease obligations		15,881		15,520
Notes and other debt, net		5,392,536		5,188,815
Total liabilities		7,365,814	Ξ	7,122,435
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)				
Shareholders' Deficit:				
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 50,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding		_		_
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 500,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding: 236,431 shares at June 30, 2023 and 235,829 at December 31, 2022		24		24
Additional paid-in capital		1,215,260		1,210,033
Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings		(3,548,870)		(3,483,634)
Total Uniti shareholders' deficit		(2,333,586)		(2,273,577)
Noncontrolling interests:				
Operating partnership units		2,092		2,121
Cumulative non-voting convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 6 shares authorized, 3 issued and outstanding		250		250
Total shareholders' deficit	_	(2,331,244)		(2,271,206)
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Deficit	\$	5,034,570	\$	4,851,229
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Attachment 3 – Latest Annual Report

Please note that Uniti Dark Fiber LLC is a subsidiary of Uniti Group Inc., a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: UNIT). As such, Uniti Dark Fiber LLC does not produce its own financial statements and balance sheet. Rather, its financial results are reported on a consolidated basis with other affiliated entities within the Uniti Group organization (please see Letter of Guarantee provided as Attachment 1). It therefore submits the most recent annual report for its corporate parent, Uniti Group, which provides audited financial results as of December 31, 2022. That report can be accessed at: <a href="https://investor.uniti.com/static-files/9f7031da-7aa2-41a3-a25b-1f30dc775597">https://investor.uniti.com/static-files/9f7031da-7aa2-41a3-a25b-1f30dc775597</a>.

# Attachment 4 – List of Officers and Directors

As a limited liability company, Uniti Dark Fiber LLC does not itself have any "directors." The directors listed below are that of Uniti Dark Fiber LLC's corporate parent, Uniti Group Inc. (NASDAQ: UNIT).

Francis X. "Skip" Frantz Chairman  Kenneth Gunderman Director  Scott Bruce Director  Jennifer Banner Director  Carmen Perez-Carlton Director  Officer Name Title  Kenneth Gunderman Chief Executive Officer
Scott Bruce Director  Jennifer Banner Director  Carmen Perez-Carlton Director  Officer Name Title
Jennifer Banner Director Carmen Perez-Carlton Director  Officer Name Title
Carmen Perez-Carlton Director  Officer Name Title
Officer Name Title
Kenneth Gunderman Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Heard Executive Vice President – General Counsel and Secretary
Mike Friloux Executive Vice President – Chief Technology Officer
Paul Bullington Senior Vice President – Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Ricky Chura Senior Vice President – Chief Information Officer
Keith Harvey Senior Vice President – Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Ragsdale Senior Vice President – Chief Administrative Officer
Allison Taylor Senior Vice President – Operations
Travis Black Vice President – Chief Accounting Officer
William Ditullio Vice President – Investor Relations and Treasury
Heather Fell Vice President – Human Resources
Kelly McGriff Vice President – Deputy General Counsel
Julie Plowman Vice President – Deputy General Counsel
Jeffrey Strenkowski Vice President – Deputy General Counsel of Governmental Affairs
Zach Taylor Vice President – Corporate Development
Greg Ortyl President – Wholesale & Strategic Accounts
Ronald J. Mudry President – Uniti Leasing
Thomas Vito Senior Vice President – Strategy and Business Development
David Dwyer Vice President – Northeast Operations
Stephen Hartman Vice President – Wholesale & Strategic Accounts
James Leftwich Vice President – NOA Operations
David Loeffler Vice President – Wholesale & Strategic Accounts
Michael Owings Vice President – Carrier Sales & Regional Engineering
Thomas Payne Vice President – Carrier Relations
Jason Wells Vice President – National Projects