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Subject: Telecommunications Company Registration

Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Dear Mr. Killip:

Please find attached a completed Registration Application for:

Labyrinth IT LLC 12800 NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street Woodinville, WA 98072

Included is a Profit and Loss Statement for 2024 and a Balance Sheet as of December 2024.

Labyrinth IT has obtained negotiated road crossing rights along with certain property rights from the City of Woodinville, WA. Work completed to date includes placing conduits for future telecommunications under the roadways in Woodinville, WA; these crossings are located in the railbanked rail bed through the City of Woodinville, WA. After the cessation of rail service, a negotiated settlement was reached between Woodinville, WA and the incumbent STB (GNP Rly) railroad, in which included the aforementioned conduit crossing rights. The approximately 2-1/4 mile corridor within Woodinville City limits was granted railbank status by the STB in 2023. Work is also underway to improve the corridor surface for trail use on the regional Eastrail project. This railbed bisects Woodinville's commercial district from the city limits at the King/Snohomish County line almost to the southeastern city limits along the Sammamish Slough and also entering the northeastern city limits of Bothell, WA.

The railroad lines that occupied this railbed were constructed during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by precedents of the BNSF Railway. Woodinville was an important junction of 4 separate lines operated by the Northern Pacific Railway. The original line entered Woodinville from the west (Bothell and Seattle). This line continued east to Redmond and eventually North Bend near

Snoqualmie Pass. A line was constructed from Woodinville junction north to Maltby and Snohomish. Known as the "Sumas Branch" it eventually reached Sumas on the Canadian border. The last line constructed was the "Belt Line" that came north from Renton and Auburn via the east side of Lake Washington. These four lines connected at Woodinville junction on the Sammamish Slough near NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street. All rail service between Woodinville and Snohomish was abandoned in 2021 and all the trackage south of the Snohomish/King County line has been removed.

This railbed is centrally located in Woodinville's commercial district. Granting this application will facilitate installation of high-speed fiber optics cable on this corridor, significantly increase data and voice transmission speeds in this service area and provide more complete and seamless access to fiber optics telecommunications networks within the City of Woodinville and beyond.

Labyrinth IT hereby petitions the Utilities and Transportation Commission to register as a Class B telecommunications company that is subject to effective competition from other telecommunications providers in the greater Woodinville area.

Labyrinth IT has contracted with Rankotto LLC to provide consulting services and apply for registration with the Utilities and Transportation Commission on behalf of Labyrinth IT. Please contact me with any questions or comments. Thank you.

Best Regards,

William L. Petitjean, PE

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