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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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Linda Bridwell, P.E.  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: *In the Matter of: Electronic Joint Application of Red Fiber Parent LLC, RF Merger Sub, Inc., Cincinnati Bell, Inc., and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC for (1) Approval of the Proposed Indirect Transfer of Control of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to Red Fiber Parent LLC, pursuant to KRS 278.020(6) and KRS 278.020(7), or Alternatively, pursuant to KRS 278.020(6) and a Declaration that Approval under KRS 278.020(7) is Not Required; (2) Notice of the Proposed Indirect Transfer of Control of Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LC and CBTS Technology Services, LLC to Red Fiber Parent LLC; and, (3) all other Required Approvals and Relief—Case No. 2020-00259*

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

In the Commission's December 7, 2020 Final Order in the captioned case, ordering paragraph five states:

- 5. If the transaction does not close within 180 days of the date of this Order, Joint Applicants shall file with the Commission a report on the status of the transaction.**

Please be advised that the transaction has not yet closed and the Joint Applicants intend for this letter to satisfy the reporting requirement referenced above.

Besides the necessity for approval by this Commission numerous other regulatory approvals are required before the transaction can finally close. As of this date the Joint

Applicants have received approval from 16 of the 17 state utility commissions required. Those state commissions are: Kentucky, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia. The only state commission before which the transaction remains pending is the California Public Utilities Commission (California PUC).

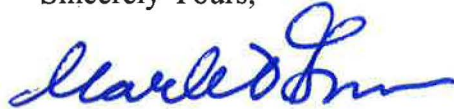
Similarly, the transaction has received all necessary federal approvals from the following agencies: Federal Communications Commission, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector.

Joint Applicants are hopeful that California PUC approval will be obtained sometime during the third quarter of 2021. Once California PUC approval is obtained the transaction is ready to be closed.

Under the Joint Applicants' Merger Agreement, once this final state regulatory approval is obtained, there is a 12 business-day marketing period before closing can occur.

Joint Applicants appreciate the Commission's continued interest in this transaction and they pledge to supplement this report to advise the Commission when it closes. Please advise if further information is needed and Joint Applicants will provide a timely response.

Sincerely Yours,



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