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RE: **Docket No. 44614 – Application of Crown Castle NG Central Inc. for Amendment to a Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority**

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses the application of Crown Castle NG Central Inc. (CCNGC Inc. or the Applicant) for amendment to its Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority (SPCOA) No. 60717. Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff recommended approval of the application, as amended. The application, as amended, is approved.

Fact Statements

1. CCNGC Inc. was granted SPCOA No. 60717 on February 24, 2005.¹
2. On April 7, 2015, CCNGC Inc. requested approval of two amendments to SPCOA No. 60717; a name change and a corporate restructuring.

Name Change

3. CCNGC Inc. was a Delaware corporation formed on October 4, 2001 and was authorized by the Texas Secretary of State to transact business in the State of Texas as a foreign corporation since November 19, 2004.

¹ *Application of Crown Castle NG Central Inc. for a Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority, Docket No. 30616, Notice of Approval (February 24, 2005).*

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4. Effective December 31, 2014, CCNGC Inc. was converted to a Delaware limited liability company, Crown Castle NG Central LLC (CCNGC LLC).
5. Effective February 7, 2014, CCNGC LLC was authorized by the Texas Secretary of State to transact business in the State of Texas as a foreign limited liability company.
6. In this application, CCNGC Inc. requested that the name on the certificate be changed to "Crown Castle NG Central LLC" to recognize this conversion.

Corporate Restructuring

7. CCNGC Inc. also requested approval, pursuant to Tex. Admin. Code § 26.111(i)(2) (TAC), of a corporate restructuring of its ultimate parent company, Crown Castle International Corp. (CCIC), resulting from the conversion of CCIC from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware Real-Estate Investment Trust, ultimately of the same name.
8. There has been no change to CCGNC Inc.'s immediate parent company, Crown Castle NG Networks LLC.
9. The corporate restructuring will not result in a change in the Applicant's management and personnel.
10. The corporate restructuring is expected to be transparent to customers.

Compliance

11. CCNGC Inc. has affiliates that are public utilities or are providing telecommunications services in other states.
12. CCNGC Inc. has never had a certification revoked or denied in any state.
13. CCNGC Inc. intends to continue providing facilities-based and resale services in the exchanges served by incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) throughout the State of Texas.
14. The Applicant intends to continue providing the following Business Plan- Business Only- OTHER (RF Transport Services).
15. CCNGC Inc. has established a toll-free customer service number, principle office phone number, fax number, website address and email address.

16. Combined management of the Applicant consists of key personnel that have accumulated over 100 years of telecommunications experience.
17. The Applicant is currently in compliance with the filing of their 2014 CLEC Annual Reports.
18. Commission Staff determined the Applicant possesses an "ACTIVE" status with the Texas Comptroller's Office.
19. The Commission's Customer Protection Division complaint database revealed zero complaints against the Applicant for the past 60 months.
20. The complaint-to-customer ratio for the Applicant is below six percent; therefore, no further investigation is required.
21. The Applicant committed to continue meeting the quality of service standards as applicable.
22. The Commission provided notice of the Application to interested parties.
23. No protests, motions to intervene, or requests for hearing were filed.
24. The parties to this proceeding are CCNGC Inc. and Commission Staff.

Notice

25. Notice of the application was published in the *Texas Register* on April 24, 2015.
26. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice.

Legal Conclusions

27. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to PURA² §§ 14.001 and 54.154-.159.
28. Notice of the Application was provided in compliance with 16 TAC §§ 26.111 and 22.54-.55.
29. CCNGC Inc. is not precluded by PURA §§ 54.152 or 54.201 from providing service under SPCOA No. 60717.

² Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001-66.016 (West 2007 & Supp. 2015) (PURA).

30. CCNGC Inc. is entitled to approval of this application, having satisfied the requirements of PURA §§ 54.154(b) and 54.155(b) and 16 TAC § 26.111.
31. The requirements for informal disposition under 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.

Ordering Paragraphs

32. CCNGC Inc.'s request to amend SPCOA No. 60717 is approved. The certificated name on SPCOA No. 60717 is changed to "Crown Castle NG Central LLC." CCNGC LLC is authorized to provide facilities-based and resale telecommunications services in the exchanges served by ILECs throughout the State of Texas.
33. CCNGC LLC shall continue to be bound by the requirements of 16 TAC § 26.111. The company will provide service exclusively under the name approved by the Commission, "Crown Castle NG Central LLC."
34. CCNGC LLC shall continue to file any future changes in address, contact representative, and/or telephone numbers in an annual report with the Commission, electronically, between January 1st and April 30th of each year. If CCNGC LLC has any change during the year in the information requested in Section One of the annual report form, then the company shall file an updated form correcting the information in Section One within 30 days of the change.
35. To the extent the following requirements apply, CCNGC LLC shall ensure that all of the following requirements are or have previously been satisfied:
- (a) Provision of a copy of this application and/or the Commission's Notice of Approval, in accordance with the entity's requirements, to all affected Commission on State Emergency Communications (9-1-1) entities prior to providing service to those entities.
 - (b) Provision of local telephone service to end-users, whether by its own facilities, flat-rate resale, or usage sensitive loop, must also include 9-1-1 emergency telephone service at a level required by the applicable regional plan followed by local telephone service providers under Chapters 771 and 772 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §§ 771.001 *et seq.* (West 2010

& Supp. 2012) (the Code) or other applicable law, and any applicable rules and regulations implementing those chapters. The Applicant shall diligently work with the Commission on State Emergency Communications, local 9-1-1 entities, and any other agencies or entities authorized by Chapters 771 and 772 of the Code to ensure that all 9-1-1 emergency services, whether provided through the certificate holders' own facilities, flat-rate resale, or usage sensitive loop, are provided in a manner consistent with the applicable regional plan followed by local telephone service providers under Chapters 771 or 772 of the Code or other applicable law and any applicable rules and regulations implementing those chapters. The Applicant shall diligently work with the 9-1-1 entities to pursue, in good faith, the mutually agreed goal that the local 9-1-1 entities and emergency service providers experience no increase in their current level of rates and, to the extent technically feasible, no degradation in services as a result of the certification granted herein and the involvement of the certificate holder in the provision of 9-1-1 emergency service.

- (c) Notification to all affected 9-1-1 administrative entities at least 30 days prior to activating or using a new NXX in a rate center or upon the commencement of providing local telephone service in any rate center in compliance with 16 TAC § 26.433(d)(3).
 - (d) Execution of a separate service agreement with each 9-1-1 entity and remit the required 9-1-1 emergency service fee to the 9-1-1 entity pursuant to such agreement in compliance with 16 TAC § 26.435(e)(4).
36. CCNGC LLC has committed to and continues to be bound by the quality of service requirements set forth in the Quality of Service Questionnaire. The underlying ILECs continue to be bound by the quality of service requirements contained in 16 TAC § 26.54. Approval of this application does not expand the scope of any underlying ILEC's obligation to its own customers.
37. All other motions, requests for entry of specific findings of fact and conclusions of law, and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted herein, are hereby denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 22nd day of May 2015.

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RE: **Docket No. 30616 - *Application of NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc, d/b/a Networks Central for a Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority***

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice approves the application of NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc., d/b/a Networks Central (the Applicant) filed on January 4, 2005, for a service provider certificate of operating authority (SPCOA) to provide facilities-based and resale telecommunications services within the geographic area of the entire State of Texas in the name of NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc.. The docket was processed in accordance with applicable statutes and Commission rules. The Commission provided notice of the application to interested parties. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice. No valid protests were filed. No requests for hearing were filed. The Applicant and the Commission Staff (Staff) are the only parties to the proceeding. Staff recommends approval of the application, as amended. The application, as amended is approved.

Statutory Findings

1. The Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware on October 4, 2002, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of NextG Networks, Inc. NextG Networks, Inc. is a Delaware corporation organized on October 4, 2002.

2. The Applicant's parent company is NextG Networks, Inc.
3. The Applicant's affiliated companies that are public utilities or that are providing telecommunications services are: NextG Networks Atlantic, Inc., NextG Networks of NY, Inc., and NextG Networks of California, Inc.
4. The Applicant, together with its affiliates, has less than six percent of the total intrastate switched access minutes of use, as measured by the most recent 12-month period as set forth in PURA¹ § 54.153.
5. The name under which the Applicant has requested that the SPCOA be issued does not duplicate a name already being used by an existing SPCOA holder nor is it similar to a name currently being used so as to create confusion.
6. The Applicant and its affiliates have authority to provide telecommunications services in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, and Virginia, with applications pending in Nevada, New Jersey, and North Carolina.
7. The Applicant nor its affiliates have ever had any permit, license, or certificate denied or revoked by any state.
8. The Applicant and/or its affiliates have provided telecommunications services in California, Georgia, New York, and Illinois.

¹ The Public Utility Regulatory Act, TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 11.001 – 64.158 (Vernon 1998 & Supp. 2005) (PURA).

9. The application complies with PURA § 54.154(b).
10. The Applicant is entitled to approval of this application, having demonstrated the financial and technical qualifications to provide the proposed services, and the ability to provide the necessary quality of service to its customers, as required by PURA §§ 54.154(b) and 54.155(b).
11. The Applicant is not precluded by PURA §§ 54.201 or 54.152 from providing service under an SPCOA.

Complaint History

12. The Office of the Texas Attorney General reported no complaints registered against the Applicant.
13. A check of the Commission's Customer Protection Division complaint database revealed no complaints registered against the Applicant.
14. A check of the Commission's Enforcement & Investigations database revealed no outstanding notice of violations against the Applicant.
15. The Applicant committed in its responses to the Commission's Service Quality Questionnaire to meet the quality of service standards.

Ordering Paragraphs

1. The application, as amended, of NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc d/b/a NextG Networks Central for a facilities-based and resale telecommunications service provider certificate of operating authority (SPCOA) is approved.² NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc d/b/a NextG Networks Central is granted SPCOA No. 60717 for the geographic area of the entire State of Texas in the name of NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc.
2. The Applicant shall comply with pertinent provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996,³ including the procedural requirements of FTA § 251(f)(1)(B), when seeking interconnection, services, or network elements from a rural telephone company.
3. The Applicant shall establish an access line account and submit quarterly reports in compliance with P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467 reporting requirements.
4. The Applicant shall be bound by requirements of P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.111. Service under this certificate shall be provided exclusively in the name under which the certificate was granted by the Commission.

² Administrative approval of this uncontested application has no precedential value in a future proceeding.

³ Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (codified as amended in scattered sections of 15 and 47 U.S.C.)(FTA).

5. An SPCOA certificate holder that has not provided service for a period of 12 consecutive months must provide a sworn affidavit to the Commission on an annual basis attesting that they continue to possess the technical and financial resources necessary to provide the level of service proposed in the initial application. An SPCOA certificate holder that has not provided service within 48 months of being granted the certificate by the Commission, may have its certificate suspended or revoked, as defined by P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.114, after due process, or undergo certification re-qualification. The Applicant shall comply with the above requirements.
6. The Applicant shall file any future changes in address, contact representative, and/or telephone numbers in an annual report with the Commission by June 30th of each year *Annual Information Reporting Requirements for a Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority and/or a Certificate of Operating Authority*, Docket No. 27357. If the SPCOA holder has any change during the year in the information requested in Section One of the annual report form, then the SPCOA holder shall file an updated form correcting the information in Section One within 30 days of the change.
7. The Applicant shall provide a copy of its application and/or the Commission's Notice of Approval, in accordance with the individual entity's requirements, to all affected Commission on State Emergency Communications (9-1-1) entities prior to providing service to those entities.
8. The Applicant's provision of local telephone service to end-users, whether by its own facilities, flat-rate resale, or usage sensitive loop, must also include "9-1-1" emergency telephone service at a level required by the applicable regional plan followed by local telephone service providers under Chapters 771 and 772 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ANN. §§ 771.001 *et seq.* (Vernon 2003) (the Code) or other applicable law, and any applicable rules and regulations implementing those chapters.

The Applicant shall diligently work with the Commission on State Emergency Communications, local "9-1-1" entities, and any other agencies or entities authorized by Chapters 771 and 772 of the Code to ensure that all "9-1-1" emergency services, whether provided through the certificate holder's own facilities, flat-rate resale, or usage sensitive loop, are provided in a manner consistent with the applicable regional plan followed by local telephone service providers under Chapters 771 or 772 of the Code or other applicable law and any applicable rules and regulations implementing those chapters. The Applicant shall diligently work with the "9-1-1" entities to pursue, in good faith, the mutually agreed goal that the local "9-1-1" entities and emergency service providers experience no increase in their current level of rates and, to the extent technically feasible, no degradation in services as a result of the certification granted herein and the involvement of the certificate holder in the provision of "9-1-1" emergency service.

9. The Applicant shall notify all affected 9-1-1 administrative entities at least 30 days prior to activating or using a new NXX in a rate center or upon the commencement of providing local telephone service in any rate center in compliance with P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.433(d)(3).
10. The Applicant shall execute a separate service agreement with each 9-1-1 entity and remit the required 9-1-1 emergency service fee to the 9-1-1 entity pursuant to such agreement in compliance with P.U.C. SUBST R. 26.435(e)(4).
11. The Applicant has committed to and is bound by the quality of service requirements set forth in the Quality of Service Questionnaire. The underlying incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) continue to be bound by the quality of service requirements contained in P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.54. Approval of the SPCOA application does not expand the scope of the underlying ILEC's obligation to its own customers.

12. All other motions, requests for entry of specific findings of fact and conclusions of law, and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted herein, are hereby denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 24th day of February 2005.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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