BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Application for certificate to provide local telecommunications service by Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC. | DOCKET NO. 20180017-TXORDER NO. PSC-2018-0143-PAA-TXISSUED: March 15, 2018 |

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ART GRAHAM, Chairman

JULIE I. BROWN

DONALD J. POLMANN

GARY F. CLARK

ANDREW GILES FAY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

BY THE COMMISSION:

 NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC (Lightower) applied for a Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunications service, pursuant to Section 364.335, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Upon review of the application, it appears that Lightower has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such service. Accordingly, we hereby grant to Lightower Certificate of Authority No. 8917, which shall authorize Lightower to provide telecommunications service throughout the State of Florida.

 Telecommunications service providers are required to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 364, F.S., and Chapter 25-4, F.A.C.

 In addition, under Section 364.336, F.S., certificate holders must pay a minimum annual Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) if the certificate was active during any portion of the calendar year. A RAF Return notice will be mailed each December to Lightower for payment by January 30th. Neither the cancellation of its certificate nor the failure to receive a RAF Return notice shall relieve Lightower from its obligation to pay its RAF.

 If this Order becomes final and effective, it will serve as Lightower’s certificate. Lightower shall retain this Order as proof of its certification. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.335 and 364.336, F.S.

 Based on the foregoing, it is

 ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC’s application for a Certificate of Authority is hereby granted. It is further

 ORDERED that Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC is awarded Certificate of Authority No. 8917, which authorizes Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC, to provide telecommunications service throughout the State of Florida, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

 ORDERED that this Order shall serve as Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC’s certificate and shall be retained by Lightower Fiber Networks II, LLC, as proof of certification. It is further

 ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the “Notice of Further Proceedings” attached hereto. It is further

 ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this docket shall be closed.

 By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 15th day of March, 2018.

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|  | /s/ Hong Wang |
|  | HONG WANGChief Deputy Commission Clerk |

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

 The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing will be granted or result in the relief sought.

 Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

 The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on April 5, 2018.

 In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

 Any objection or protest filed in this/these docket(s) before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.