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# **Via Electronic Filing**

Adam Teitzman Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Notification of Indirect Transfer of Control of Hargray of Florida, Inc.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Hargray Acquisition Holdings, LLC ("Holdings" or "Transferor"), Hargray of Florida, Inc. ("Hargray"), and Cable One, Inc. ("Cable One" or "Transferee") (Holdings, Hargray, and Cable One collectively, the "Parties") respectfully notify the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") of a transaction pursuant to which Holdings transferred indirect control of Hargray to Cable One effective May 3, 2021 (the "Transaction"). It is the Parties' understanding that no prior Commission approval is required to consummate the Transaction described herein. The Parties therefore submit this notice for the Commission's information.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES**

## A. Hargray of Florida, Inc. (TY162) and Hargray Acquisition Holdings, LLC

Hargray is a Georgia corporation with a principal office located at 870 William Hilton Parkway, Building C, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938. In Florida, Hargray is authorized to provide telecommunications service pursuant to Certificate of Authority No. 8927, which was approved in Docket No. 20190032-TX. Hargray is a cable operator and a competitive local exchange carrier providing local exchange, intrastate interexchange, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP"), video, and broadband Internet access services in Florida. Hargray also holds authority

from the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to provide domestic interstate telecommunications services.

Hargray is a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of Holdings, a Delaware limited liability company. Through its subsidiaries, Holdings provides cable/video, broadband Internet access, telecommunications, and interconnected VoIP services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Holdings does not provide any services or hold any Commission authorizations.

#### B. Cable One, Inc.

Cable One is a publicly traded Delaware corporation with headquarters located at 210 E. Earll Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Cable One and its subsidiaries provide video, broadband Internet access, telecommunications, and interconnected VoIP services in 21 states¹ through its Sparklight®, Fidelity Communications, Valu-Net, and Clearwave® brands. Cable One provides consumers with a wide array of connectivity and entertainment services, including high-speed Internet and advanced Wi-Fi solutions, cable television, and voice service. Cable One and its family of brands also provide scalable and cost-effective products for businesses ranging in size from small to mid-market, in addition to enterprise, wholesale, and carrier customers. Cable One is well qualified and has the managerial, technical, and financial ability to indirectly own Hargray.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION**

On February 12, 2021, Holdings, Cable One, Lighthouse Merger Sub LLC ("Merger Sub"),<sup>2</sup> and TPO-Hargray, LLC (solely in its capacity as the Holdings equityholders' representative) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into Holdings, with Holdings continuing as the surviving entity and becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Cable One. As a result of the Agreement, Cable One acquired 100% of the ownership interests of Holdings, as well as indirect control of Hargray. The Transaction was consummated on May 3, 2021.

The Transaction did not involve the assignment of Hargray's telecommunications authorizations or customers. All current customers of Hargray continue to be served by Hargray pursuant to its existing authorization. The Transaction was transparent to Hargray's customers. Existing customers will continue to receive service under the "Hargray" name, and all billing and correspondence will continue to reflect the "Hargray" name for the immediate future. Accordingly, customer notice is not required under state or FCC customer notice rules because there was no change in service provider from the customer's perspective. For the Commission's convenience, pre- and post-Transaction corporate organizational charts depicting the entities involved in the transfer of control are provided as **Exhibit A**.

These states are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington.

Merger Sub is a Delaware limited liability company that was created solely for purposes of the Transaction. Merger Sub is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lighthouse Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company that also was created solely for purposes of the Transaction.

## **PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS**

The Transaction furthers the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Transaction advances economic efficiency by enabling the Parties to achieve economies of scale and expand their offerings and services to a broader customer base. The Transaction enables the Parties to strengthen their competitive position to the benefit of consumers and the communications marketplace. The financial, technical, and managerial resources that Cable One brings to Hargray are expected to enhance Hargray's ability to compete in the telecommunications marketplace.

In addition, because the proposed change in ownership occurred at the parent level, the Transaction was transparent to current customers of Hargray. The Transaction had no adverse impact on any customers and did not alter their service or billing. Customers will continue to receive the same services they currently receive. The Transaction did not result in any change of carrier for customers or any assignment of authorizations, and did not result in the discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service to customers. Hargray will continue to provide high-quality communications services to its customers without interruption.

The Transaction did not adversely affect competition because it did not result in a reduction of competitors and customers will continue to have access to the same competitive alternatives they have today. The Transaction does not harm consumers or negatively impact the telecommunications market in Florida. In short, the Transaction serves the public interest by enhancing Hargray's strengths without posing any threat of anticompetitive effects or other public interest harms.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chérie R. Kiser

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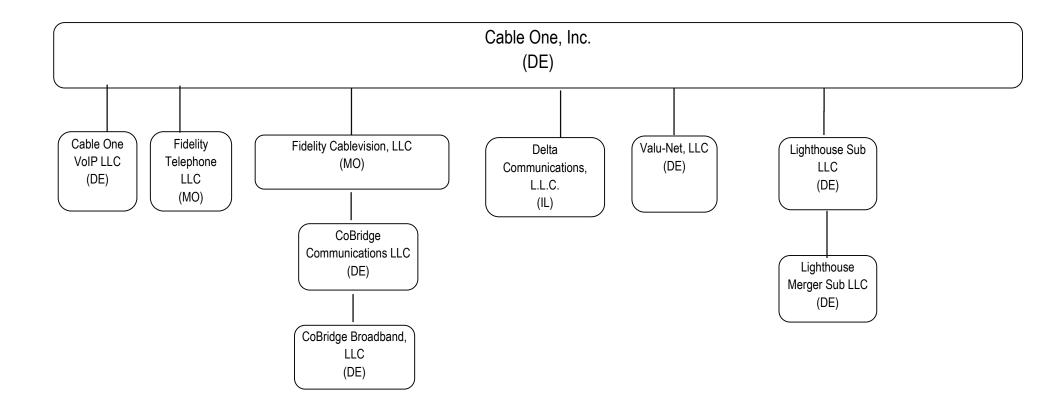
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# EXHIBIT A

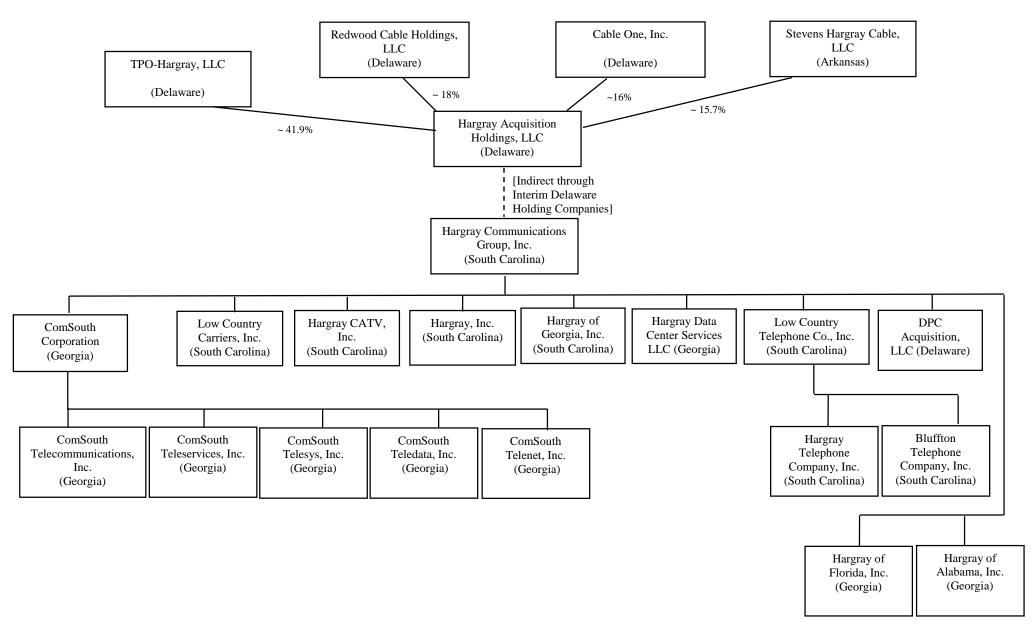
**Organizational Charts** 

Exhibit A-1
CABLE ONE, INC. PRE-TRANSACTION



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Exhibit A-2
HARGRAY ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, LLC PRE-TRANSACTION



# Exhibit A-3 POST-TRANSACTION

