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#### Via Overnight Courier

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re: Notification Regarding the Transfer of Indirect Control of 360networks (USA) inc. to Zayo Group, LLC

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

360networks Corporation ("360-Parent"), 360networks (USA) inc. ("360networks") and Zayo Group, LLC ("Zayo") (collectively, the "Parties"), by undersigned counsel and pursuant to S.D. Codified Laws § 49-31-20, notify the Commission of a transaction described herein, including the transfer of indirect control of 360networks to Zayo (the "Transaction").

It is the Parties' understanding that Commission approval is not required to complete the transactions described herein. Accordingly, the Parties submit this letter for informational purposes only to ensure the continuing accuracy of the Commission's records. In support, the Parties provide the following information:

### **Description of the Parties**

### A. 360networks Corporation and 360networks (USA) inc.

360-Parent is a corporation organized under the laws of British Columbia with principal offices located at 2101 4th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, Washington 98121. 360networks holdings (USA) inc. ("360-Holdings") is a Nevada corporation and indirect<sup>1</sup> subsidiary of 360-Parent. 360networks is a Nevada corporation and a wholly owned direct subsidiary of 360-Holdings.

360networks is 360-Holdings' operating subsidiary that provides regulated telecommunications services. 360networks provides Private Line Transport, Ethernet, and IP Transit services to telecommunications providers and end users. 360networks

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 360-Holdings is currently an indirect subsidiary of 360-Parent. Immediately prior to completion of the Transaction that is the subject of this notice, 360-Parent will undergo a *pro forma* amalgamation resulting in 360-Holdings becoming a direct subsidiary of 360-Parent. The Parties hereby notify the Commission of the amalgamation.

facilities-based fiber optic backbone provides coverage spanning 18,000 route miles covering 22 states and British Columbia. 360networks also provides wholesale Voice over Internet Protocol and switched access services in 17 states, including South Dakota.

360networks is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange services in 36 states. In South Dakota, 360networks is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Certificates granted in Docket No. TC00-079 and TC06-063.

#### B. Zayo Group, LLC

Zayo is a Delaware limited liability company with principal offices at 400 Centennial Parkway, Suite 200, Louisville, Colorado 80027. Zayo is a wholly owned subsidiary of Zayo Group Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Communications Infrastructure Investments, LLC ("CII"), a Delaware limited liability company. CII has no majority owner. Zayo is a provider of bandwidth infrastructure and network neutral collocation and interconnection services over dense regional and metropolitan fiber networks, enabling its customers to manage, operate, and scale their telecommunications and data networks. Zayo's services are primarily used by wireless service providers, national and regional carriers and other communications service providers, media and content companies, and certain bandwidth-intensive enterprises.

Zayo's fiber networks span over 24,000 route miles, serve 153 geographic markets in the District of Columbia and 31 states and connect to over 4,300 buildings, including approximately 1,978 cellular towers. These networks allow Zayo to provide bandwidth infrastructure services to customers over redundant fiber facilities between key customer locations. The majority of the markets that Zayo serves and buildings to which Zayo connects have few other networks capable of providing similar bandwidth infrastructure services.

While Zayo is not authorized to provide telecommunications in South Dakota, it is authorized to provide telecommunications in the District of Columbia and 31 states, as well as from the Federal Communications Commission. Zayo has the technical, managerial, and financial qualifications to acquire control of 360networks. Zayo is operated by a highly qualified management team, all of whom have extensive backgrounds in the telecommunications industry. Zayo's managerial expertise will further strengthen 360networks's operations. For additional detail on the financial and managerial qualifications of Zayo, please see www.zayo.com. 360networks will therefore continue to have the managerial, technical and financial qualifications to provide high quality telecommunications services to consumers in South Dakota supported by experienced Zayo management. 360networks will also be supported by the financial resources of Zayo.

#### **Contact Information**

The designated contacts for questions concerning this filing are:

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#### **Description of the Transaction**

Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 6, 2011, by and among 360-Parent, 360networks (fiber holdco) ltd., 360networks (fiber subco) ltd. and Zayo (the "Agreement"), Zayo will acquire all of the outstanding shares of 360-Holdings.<sup>2</sup> As a result of the Transaction, 360-Holdings will become a direct subsidiary of Zayo. 360networks will remain a direct subsidiary of 360-Holdings and therefore, an indirect

As stated above, immediately prior to the Transaction, the intermediate subsidiaries between 360-Parent and 360-Holdings will undergo a pro forma amalgamation resulting in 360-Holdings becoming a direct subsidiary of 360-Parent. Moreover, in order to align the business of 360networks more closely with the business structure of Zayo and its affiliates, following the closing Zayo intends to transfer certain wholesale long distance and local voice and switched access facilities and services currently provided by 360networks to Zayo's affiliate, Onvoy, Inc. ("Onvoy") upon the receipt of the necessary regulatory authorization for Onvoy to provide the service. Onvoy is currently authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to a Certificate granted in Docket No. TC05-084.

subsidiary of Zayo. Diagrams depicting the pre- and post-Transaction corporate structures of the companies are appended hereto as Exhibit A.

The current customers of 360networks will remain customers of 360networks immediately following the Transaction. Accordingly, the Transaction will be seamless to customers, who will continue to enjoy the same rates, terms and conditions of service as they do prior to closing. The only immediate change resulting from the Transaction will be that 360networks will be ultimately owned by Zayo. Shortly after the Transaction, however, Zayo may modify 360networks' name to reflect the "Zayo" brand. Zayo emphasizes that any modifications to the name of 360networks that may occur following the consummation of the Transaction will be undertaken pursuant to the requirements of applicable law and Commission rules.<sup>3</sup>

### **Public Interest Considerations**

The Parties submit that the Transaction described herein will serve the public interest. As part of Zayo Group, 360networks will continue to provide high-quality telecommunications services to consumers, while gaining access to the additional resources and operational expertise of Zayo. 360networks will also benefit by being able to offer services to multi-location business and enterprise customers across a much larger footprint in combination with Zayo. 360networks' network complements Zayo's network and the acquisition will increase Zayo's existing fiber footprint, giving the combined companies greater market depth and breadth as a result of the Transaction. The Transaction will make 360networks and Zayo stronger competitors and thereby benefit consumers.

The Transaction described herein will not result in a change of carrier for any customers or any assignment of existing Commission authorizations. Further, the rates, terms and conditions of services currently provided by 360networks to its customers will not change as a result of the Transaction.

The Parties will file an updated authorization to transact business in South Dakota and, to the extent necessary, revised tariff(s) to reflect the modified name of 360networks. In addition, Zayo confirms that 360networks will provide its customers notice of the name modification.

An original and ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for filing. Please date-stamp the extra copy and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for the Parties

## LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A

Pre- and Post-Transaction Corporate Organizational Structure

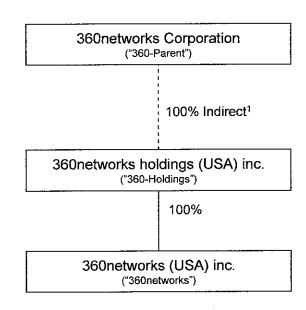
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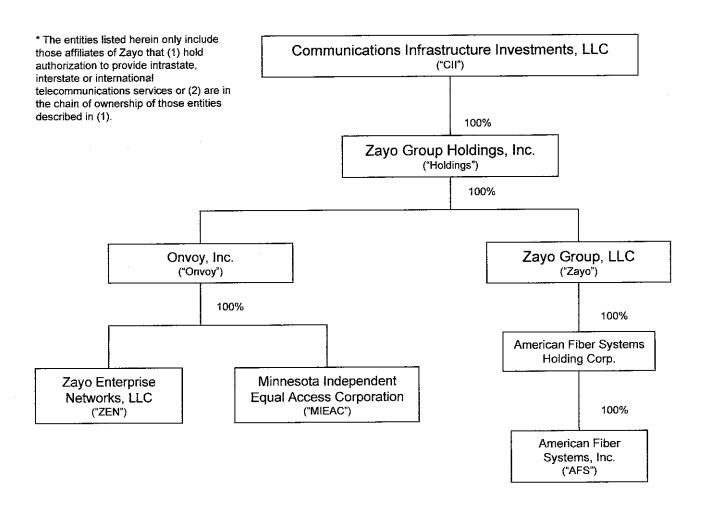
# Pre-Transaction Corporate Structure of 360networks\*

\* The entities listed herein only include those affiliates of 360networks that (1) hold authorization to provide telecommunications services in this state or (2) are in the chain of ownership of those entities described in (1).

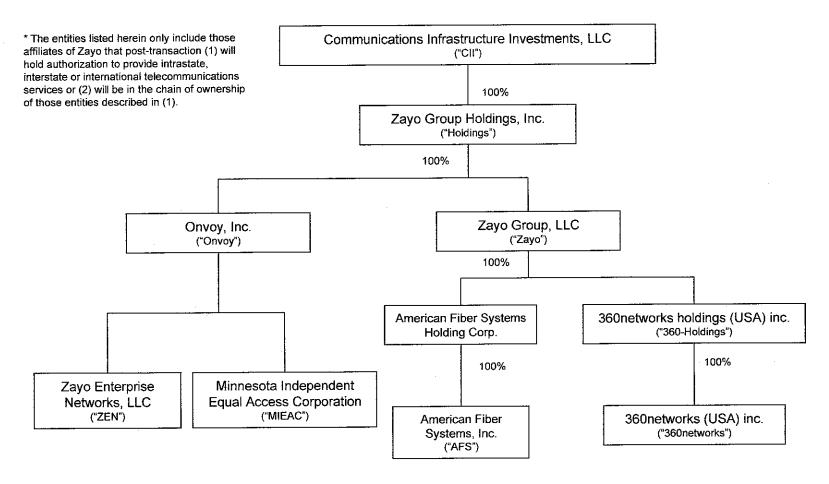


<sup>1</sup> Immediately prior to the Transaction, the intermediate subsidiaries between 360-Parent and 360-Holdings will undergo a pro forma amalgamation resulting in 360-Holdings becoming a direct subsidiary of 360-Parent.

# Pre-Transaction Corporate Structure of Zayo Group, LLC\*



# Post-Transaction Corporate Structure of Applicants\*



## **Verifications**

#### VERIFICATION

I, Gary Ray, state that I am Vice President and General Counsel of 360networks

Corporation and 360networks (USA) inc. (the "Company"); that I am authorized to make this

Verification on behalf of the Company; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction
and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Company are true and correct to the
best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Gary Ray

Vice President and General Counsel

Sworn and subscribed before me this 12th day of October, 2011.

My commission expires 5/13/2013

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#### VERIFICATION

I, Peter Chevalier, state that I am Associate General Counsel of Zayo Group, LLC (the "Company"); that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Company; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Peter Chevalier

Associate General Counsel

Zayo Group, LLC

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13th day of October, 2011.

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My commission expires April 1, 2012

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### VERIFICATION

I, Scott Sawyer, state that I am General Counsel of Onvoy, Inc. (the "Company"); that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Company; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Scott Sawyer General Counsel Onvoy, Inc.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Notary Public

My commission expires  $\frac{9/10/12}{}$