



# MASTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSE AGREEMENT

<b>LICENSEE:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>State of Organization:</b>	

This **MASTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSE AGREEMENT** is effective as of the last date of execution below (“Effective Date”) by and between **CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC** (“Crown Castle” or “Company”), and Licensee (as named above). This Master Telecommunication License Agreement and any and all Supplements (as defined herein) and exhibits hereto are collectively referred to as the “Agreement”. Crown Castle and Licensee are collectively referred to as the “Parties” or individually as a “Party”.

## 1. PRODUCTS, ORDER FORMS, AND SUPPLEMENTS.

**1.1 Products and Order Forms.** This Agreement applies to each telecommunications facility, or product, provided or licensed by Crown Castle to Licensee (each a “Product”). Each Product will be specified in an order form executed by the Parties (each an “Order Form”). Purchase orders issued by Licensee shall not be deemed to amend, modify or supplement this Agreement or any Order Form issued hereunder and shall not be legally binding on Crown Castle unless otherwise agreed in writing by Crown Castle.

**1.2 Supplements.** From time to time, the Parties may execute one or more supplements to this Agreement that may contain technical specifications, service level objectives, and other terms and conditions applicable to specific types of Products (each a “Supplement”). Upon execution by the Parties, each such Supplement shall be incorporated into this Agreement. In the event Crown Castle and Licensee have not executed a Supplement or Service Level Agreement applicable to the type of product contemplated by an Order Form, then the product-specific portion of the then-current version of the “Crown Castle Terms and Conditions” available at <https://fiber.crowncastle.com/crown-castle-telecommunications-license-terms-and-conditions.pdf> (“Online Terms”), shall apply.

**1.3 Crown Castle Affiliates.** At Crown Castle’s option, Products may be provided or licensed by Crown Castle, or by an Affiliate of Crown Castle. Any charges or other amounts received by the Crown Castle under this Agreement, to the extent attributable to Products provided or licensed by an Affiliate of Crown Castle, shall be received by Crown Castle in its capacity as an agent on behalf of such Affiliate. Internet access will be provided by Crown Castle’s affiliate, Crown Castle Fiber Enterprise LLC. In addition, Order Forms may be executed by an Affiliate of Crown Castle, and in such event, any and all references to “Crown Castle” herein shall be deemed to be a reference to the applicable Affiliate of Crown Castle that executed such Order Form. The term “Affiliate” as used hereunder shall mean, with respect to either Party, any entity controlled by, in control of, or under common control with such Party.

## 2. TERM.

**2.1 Agreement Term.** The term of this Agreement commences on the Effective Date, and continues through the later of (i) five (5) years from Effective Date, or (ii) latest expiration of active Order Forms, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement is a set of general terms and conditions, and does not obligate either Party to provide or pay for any Product other than as reflected in a particular Order Form executed by the Parties.

**2.2 Product Term.** The term (each a “Product Term”) for each Product begins on the Acceptance Date (as defined below) applicable to such Product, and remains in effect until the expiration of the initial Product Term specified in the applicable Order Form unless earlier terminated as provided herein. The Product Term shall automatically extend for consecutive one-year renewal terms, unless either Party notifies the other of its intent not to renew at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then-current initial or renewal Product Term.

**2.3 Acceptance Date.** The “Acceptance Date” for each Product shall be the earliest of (a) the date on which Licensee delivers written notice of acceptance, (b) the date on which Licensee begins to use the Product, other than for testing purposes, or (c) the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) business day following Crown Castle’s delivery of notice of the installation of the Product (such notice, a “Connection Notice”), unless Licensee notifies Crown Castle in writing within said two-day period of a Defect in the Product, specifying in detail the nature of such Defect. A “Defect” exists if the Product fails to perform materially in accordance with its technical specifications as set forth in the applicable Supplement (“Specifications”). Upon receipt of notice of a Defect, Crown Castle and Licensee shall work cooperatively to promptly remedy such Defect, and Crown Castle shall deliver another Connection Notice, whereupon the process described in the first sentence of this Section shall apply again. If the Acceptance Date is delayed as a result of any failure, act or omission of Licensee, Crown Castle will give Licensee written notice to cure such failure within five (5) calendar days. If Licensee fails to cure within such period, the Acceptance Date will be deemed to be the end of such five (5) calendar-day period.

### 3. PAYMENT TERMS.

**3.1 Charges.** Crown Castle will invoice Licensee for any non-recurring charge (“NRC”) associated with the Product upon or after execution of the applicable Order Form. The monthly-recurring charge (“MRC”) associated with the Product shall begin to accrue on the Acceptance Date of such Product. Crown Castle will invoice Licensee the MRC associated with the Product in advance, except Crown Castle will invoice Licensee usage based charges (if any) associated with the Product in arrears. An MRC for a partial month will be pro-rated. Licensee shall be responsible for payment of the MRC for the entire Product Term specified in the applicable Order Form.

**3.2 Payments; Late Payments.** Licensee shall pay each invoice within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice (the “Due Date”), without setoff or deduction. In the event Licensee fails to make any payment by the Due Date, Licensee shall pay a late charge on all past due amounts at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, compounded monthly (or, if lower, the maximum rate allowed by law). Further, Crown Castle shall be entitled to recover from Licensee all collection costs, including attorney fees.

**3.3 Disputed Payments.** Licensee may in good faith dispute charges set forth in an invoice, provided Licensee notifies Crown Castle of such dispute in writing no later than sixty (60) days after the date of the invoice. Failure of Licensee to so notify Crown Castle of any dispute shall constitute a waiver by Licensee of any dispute. In the event Licensee so disputes any amount in good faith, Licensee must submit a documented claim in writing for the disputed amount and pay the undisputed amounts in accordance with Section 3.2. Licensee shall submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. If the dispute is resolved in favor of Licensee and Licensee previously paid the disputed amount to Crown Castle, Crown Castle will apply a credit to Licensee’s account in the amount of the dispute. If the dispute is resolved in Crown Castle’s favor and Licensee has withheld the disputed amount, Licensee must pay the disputed amount (together with the late payment charge pursuant to Section 3.2) within five (5) business days following notice of the resolution of the dispute.

### 4. TAXES AND FEES.

**4.1 Taxes and Fees.** All charges set forth in an Order Form(s) are exclusive of, and Licensee shall be responsible for and agrees to pay, any and all applicable international, federal, state and local use, excise, sales, value added, consumption, gross receipts, access, franchise and other taxes, fees, assessments, duties and surcharges (including, without limitation, any universal service fund surcharge) levied or imposed upon Crown Castle or Licensee in connection with the provision, sale or use of the Product or facility furnished to Licensee and which Crown Castle is required or permitted to collect from Licensee (collectively referred to as “Taxes”). Licensee shall not be responsible for, and Taxes will not include, taxes on Crown Castle’s net income. If Licensee believes it is exempt from Taxes, Licensee shall provide Crown Castle with a valid and duly executed exemption certificate and any other information with respect to such exemption as Crown Castle may require; such certificate will be honored from the date that Crown Castle receives such certificate and additional information from Licensee. If any such exemption is ruled invalid by the tax or governmental authority for any reason, Licensee shall reimburse Crown Castle for any Taxes, including without limitation any penalties and interest, arising from or in connection with such invalid claim of exemption.

**4.2 REIT Status.** Licensee acknowledges that: (i) Crown Castle is directly or indirectly owned in whole or in part by an entity (“REIT Owner”) that qualifies as a “real estate investment trust” (“REIT”) under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”); and (ii) Crown Castle and REIT Owner are therefore subject to operating and other restrictions under the Code. The Parties intend that this Agreement shall constitute a lease of the Products for purposes of Section 856 of the Code, and the Parties shall not take any position on any tax return inconsistent therewith except as required by law.

### 5. CROWN CASTLE EQUIPMENT AND NETWORK; LICENSEE EQUIPMENT.

**5.1 Crown Castle Equipment; Crown Castle Network.** The telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated equipment owned, leased, or otherwise obtained by Crown Castle to provide Products (“Crown Castle Equipment”) and Crown Castle’s fiber optic cable network and associated optical/electronic equipment used to deliver Products, whether owned, leased or otherwise obtained by Crown Castle (the “Crown Castle Network”) shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Crown Castle notwithstanding that it may be or become attached or affixed to real property, and nothing contained herein or in any Order Form grants or conveys to Licensee any right, title or interest in any Crown Castle Equipment or the Crown Castle Network. Licensee may not, and may not permit others to, alter, adjust, encumber, tamper, repair, rearrange, change, remove, relocate, or damage any Crown Castle Equipment or the Crown Castle Network without the prior written consent of Crown Castle. Licensee may not cause any liens to be placed on any Crown Castle Equipment or the Crown Castle Network, and will cause any such liens to be removed within ten (10) days of Licensee’s knowledge thereof. Licensee shall be liable to Crown Castle for any loss or damage to the Crown Castle Equipment or Crown Castle Network caused by Licensee or Licensee’s employees, contractors, agents or end users. Nothing herein shall prevent Crown Castle from using the Crown Castle Network and Crown Castle Equipment to provide products to other customers.

**5.2 Extension of Network.** To the extent an Order Form requires Crown Castle to complete construction, extend the Crown Castle Network and/or obtain additional Underlying Rights, Licensee shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Crown Castle in obtaining such Underlying Rights as necessary to provide the Product. Crown Castle may, without liability to either Party, terminate a Product prior to delivery, if Crown Castle encounters unexpected construction costs, or unavailability of or excess costs for Underlying Rights, that make the construction economically or legally unfeasible. Following the Acceptance Date of the Product, in the event that Crown Castle is unable to maintain any necessary Underlying Rights without incurring additional costs, unless Licensee bears the costs of obtaining such Underlying Rights, Crown Castle may cancel the applicable Order Form and shall incur no liability to Licensee hereunder. Without limiting the foregoing, Crown Castle shall not be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement for its failure to meet any anticipated Product installation or delivery date if such failure is caused, in whole or in part, by (i) a Force Majeure Event, (ii) failure to obtain, or delay in obtaining, any required Underlying

Rights, (iii) construction delays, or (iv) any other circumstances beyond the control of Crown Castle. “Underlying Rights” means any and all agreements, licenses, conduit use agreements, pole attachment agreements, leases, easements, rights-of-way, franchises, permits, governmental and regulatory approvals and authorizations, and other rights, consents, and approvals that are necessary to construct, install, maintain, operate, and repair the Crown Castle Network and/or for Crown Castle to provide a Product other than building access rights described in Section 7.1. Without limiting the foregoing, Underlying Rights include agreements for Off-Net Products that are necessary for Crown Castle to provide a Product. “Off-Net Products” shall mean any products provided by a third-party. “On-Net Products” shall mean Products that use transmission and related facilities owned and controlled by Crown Castle.

**5.3 Licensee Equipment.** Licensee shall, at its own expense, procure any equipment necessary to implement or receive each Product (“Licensee Equipment”). Crown Castle will have no obligation to install, maintain, or repair Licensee Equipment. Promptly upon notice from Crown Castle, Licensee shall eliminate any hazard, interference or Product obstruction that any such Licensee Equipment is causing or may cause as reasonably determined by Crown Castle.

## **6. MAINTENANCE.**

**6.1 Scheduled Maintenance.** Crown Castle will endeavor to conduct (or cause to be conducted) scheduled maintenance that is reasonably expected to interrupt the Product between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. local time or, upon Licensee’s reasonable request, at a time mutually agreed to by Licensee and Crown Castle. Crown Castle will use commercially reasonable efforts to notify Licensee of scheduled maintenance that is reasonably expected to interrupt the Product via telephone or e-mail, no less than five (5) days prior to commencement of such maintenance activities. Licensee shall provide a list of Licensee contacts for maintenance and escalation purposes, which may be included on the Order Forms, and Licensee shall provide updated lists to Crown Castle, as necessary.

**6.2 Emergency Maintenance.** Crown Castle may perform emergency maintenance in its reasonable discretion, with or without prior notice to Licensee, to preserve the overall integrity of the Crown Castle Network. Crown Castle will notify Licensee as soon as reasonably practicable of any such emergency maintenance activity that materially and adversely impacts a Product.

**6.3 Product Issues.** Licensee may notify Crown Castle’s Network Operating Center (“NOC”) of Product problems by telephone 888-LT-FIBER, or at the contacts listed in Crown Castle’s Customer Support Information provided to Licensee, which may be updated by Crown Castle from time to time. If Crown Castle dispatches a field technician to Licensee or an end-user location and the problem is caused by (i) the Licensee Equipment or any end-user’s equipment or (ii) any acts or omissions of Licensee or its end user, or of any of its or their invitees, licensees, customers or contractors, Licensee will pay Crown Castle for any and all associated time and materials at Crown Castle’s then-standard rates.

## **7. IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**7.1 Access to Premises.** Unless otherwise provided for in the applicable Order Form, Licensee, at its own expense, shall secure throughout the Product Term any easements, leases, licenses or other agreements necessary to allow Crown Castle to use pathways into and in each building at which Licensee’s or its end-user’s premises is located, to the Demarcation Point. Such access rights shall grant to Crown Castle the right to access such premises to the extent reasonably requested by Crown Castle to install, maintain, repair, replace and remove any and all equipment, cables or other devices Crown Castle deems necessary to provide the Product. Upon expiration or termination of the applicable Product Term, Licensee shall grant Crown Castle access to its premises as necessary to enable Crown Castle to remove the Crown Castle Equipment. Crown Castle, its employees, contractors and agents shall have access to any Crown Castle Equipment or facilities at a Licensee or end user premises. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Crown Castle shall have no liability for any delay or failure in its performance to the extent caused by any delay or failure of Licensee (including, but not limited to, the failure to provide Crown Castle prompt access) and/or caused by any notice or access restrictions or requirements. “Demarcation Point” shall mean the network interface point where Crown Castle hands off the Product to Licensee. The Demarcation Point delineates where responsibility for the Parties’ respective networks, equipment and/or maintenance obligations begin and end. Licensee is responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for connecting to the Demarcation Point.

**7.2 Space and Power.** Licensee shall procure and make available to Crown Castle, at Licensee’s locations and at end user locations where a Product is provided or licensed, at Licensee’s sole cost and expense, adequate space, AC power and HVAC for Crown Castle Equipment.

**7.3 Property Owner Not Liable.** Neither Licensee nor any of Licensee’s end-users shall have any recourse against any property owner or property manager of any premises to which any Product is delivered and/or at which Crown Castle Network or Equipment is located, as a result of or in reliance upon this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, this provision shall not be construed to impose any liability on Crown Castle, nor shall Crown Castle have any liability, for or on behalf of such property owner or property manager.

## **8. DEFAULT & REMEDIES**

**8.1 Default By Licensee; Suspension.** In the event (i) Licensee fails to timely and fully make any payment required hereunder, and such payment breach is not cured within five (5) days after written notice thereof, or (ii) Licensee breaches any other provision of this Agreement and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof, then Crown Castle may, at its sole option, either (a) terminate any and all Products, (b) suspend the affected Product to which the breach is related without further notice to Licensee, and/or (c) pursue any other remedies available to Crown Castle at law, or in equity.

**8.2 Default By Crown Castle.** Licensee may terminate a Product in the event Crown Castle breaches this Agreement with respect to such Product and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after Crown Castle's receipt of written notice thereof, provided that if a breach subject to this Section 8.2 cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, but is capable of being cured within a reasonable time thereafter, then Licensee may not terminate the Product if Crown Castle commences to cure within said thirty (30) days and thereafter diligently and continuously pursues such cure to completion, or Crown Castle provides Licensee reasonable assurance that the same breach to the same Product will not subsequently occur.

## **9. INSURANCE.**

**9.1 Insurance.** Each Party shall procure and maintain the following insurance coverage:

- Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance. Commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$5,000,000 for each occurrence. CGL insurance shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. Each Party shall name the other Party as an additional insured to provide coverage for the additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis. The coverage provided to the additional insured shall apply to the extent of the indemnification obligation identified in paragraphs 10.2.
- Workers Compensation Insurance. Workers compensation and employers liability insurance as required by the laws and regulations applicable to the employees who are engaged in the performance of any activities hereunder or under an Order Form.

**9.2 Type and Proof of Insurance.** The insurance coverage required by this Section 9 shall be obtained on an occurrence basis from carriers having a Best Rating Product rating of A- or better. Upon request, a Party will provide the other Party a certificate of insurance or other proof of such insurance.

## **10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION.**

**10.1. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION LOSS OF USE OR DATA, OR LOST BUSINESS, REVENUE, PROFITS OR GOODWILL, ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY PRODUCT OR ANY ORDER FORM, EVEN IF THE PARTY KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

CROWN CASTLE'S TOTAL LIABILITY TO LICENSEE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTION AND CLAIMS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, MISREPRESENTATION AND OTHER TORTS, SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE LESSER OF: (A) PROVEN DIRECT DAMAGES OR (B) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS MADE BY LICENSEE TO CROWN CASTLE FOR THE AFFECTED PRODUCT DURING THE TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM OCCURRED. IN NO EVENT SHALL CROWN CASTLE BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF UNAFFILIATED THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING UNDERLYING PRODUCT PROVIDERS, OR ANY THIRD-PARTY EQUIPMENT OR PRODUCTS NOT PROVIDED OR LICENSED BY CROWN CASTLE.

**10.2. Indemnification.** Except to the extent of the other Party's negligence or willful misconduct, each Party shall indemnify, defend, release, and hold harmless the other Party, its Affiliates, directors, members, officers, employees, managers, agents, representatives, and contractors (collectively, "Indemnitees") from and against any third-party action, claim, suit, judgment, damage, demand, loss, or penalty, and any cost or expense associated therewith (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees and costs) (collectively, "Claims") imposed upon such Indemnitee(s) by reason of damage to real or tangible personal property or for bodily injury, including death, as a result of any willful misconduct or negligent act or omission on the part of the indemnifying Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. In addition to the foregoing, Licensee shall indemnify, defend, release, and hold harmless Crown Castle and its Indemnitees from and against any third-party Claims brought against such Crown Castle and its Indemnitees arising from or in connection with Licensee's (or its end users') unlawful use of a Product.

**10.3. Indemnification Process.** If a Party ("Indemnifying Party") is required to indemnify the other Party ("Indemnified Party") pursuant to Section 10.2, the Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnifying Party will be permitted to assume primary control of the defense of the action with counsel of the Indemnifying Party's choice. The Indemnified Party will cooperate in the defense of the action as requested by the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnified Party may, but shall not be required to, participate in the defense of the action with its own counsel, at its own expense. The Indemnifying Party will assume the cost of the defense on behalf of the Indemnified Party and its Affiliates (other than the expense of Indemnified Party's counsel pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence) and will pay all expenses and satisfy all judgments which may be incurred or rendered against the Indemnified Party or its Affiliates in connection therewith, provided that without the Indemnified Party's written consent, the Indemnifying Party shall not enter into or acquiesce to any settlement containing any admission of or stipulation to any guilt, fault, or wrongdoing on the part of the Indemnified Party, which would otherwise adversely affect the Indemnified Party, or which results in less than a full release of all claims.

**11. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.**

**11.1** EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, CROWN CASTLE MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, EITHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, AND CROWN CASTLE HEREBY EXPRESSLY EXCLUDES AND DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, (i) NON-INFRINGEMENT, (ii) IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND (iii) PERFORMANCE OR INTEROPERABILITY OF THE PRODUCT WITH ANY LICENSEE OR END-USER EQUIPMENT. NO WARRANTY IS MADE OR PASSED ON WITH RESPECT TO ANY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY OR FURNISHED BY ANY THIRD PARTY.

**11.2** Each Party represents and warrants to the other that (a) it has the full right and authority to enter into, execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement, (b) it will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, rules and regulations in connection with the provision and use of the Products (including but not limited to the FCC’s “intermediate provider” requirements, 47 CFR § 64.2119, where applicable), and (c) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Party enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms.

**12. CONFIDENTIALITY; SERVICE MARKS; PUBLICITY.**

**12.1 Confidentiality.** “Proprietary Information” means any information supplied by the disclosing Party, or its Affiliate, to a receiving Party, or its Affiliate, or obtained by the receiving Party, or its Affiliate, in the provision or receiving of a Product hereunder, in each instance relating to the disclosing Party, its Affiliates, and/or its customers which has been designated as confidential, proprietary or private or which, from the circumstances, in good faith should be treated as confidential. Proprietary Information shall not include any of the following: (i) information that has been, or is subsequently, made public by the disclosing Party through no wrongful act of the receiving Party; (ii) information that is independently developed by the receiving Party without using any Proprietary Information of the disclosing Party; and (iii) information that has been previously known by or disclosed to the receiving Party by a third party not bound by confidentiality restrictions. Pricing information exchanged in connection with this Agreement, or included in any Order Form hereunder, and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, are hereby designated as confidential without further obligation on the part of either Party to mark or designate it as such. Each Party shall maintain in strict confidence all Proprietary Information of the other. Neither Party shall disclose Proprietary Information to any third person, except a receiving Party shall be permitted, without the disclosing Party’s prior written consent, to disclose Proprietary Information to its employees and Affiliates, financial, technical and professional advisors, representatives, contractors, subcontractors and consultants provided that the receiving Party has taken reasonable steps to ensure that such Proprietary Information is kept strictly confidential consistent with the confidentiality obligations hereunder. If a receiving Party is required by any governmental authority or by applicable law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then to the extent permitted by applicable law, such receiving Party shall provide the disclosing Party with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible and prior to such disclosure. Upon receipt of written notice of the requirement to disclose Proprietary Information, the disclosing Party, at its expense, may then either seek appropriate protective relief in advance of such requirement to prevent all or part of such disclosure or shall waive the receiving Party’s compliance with the requirements of the foregoing sentence with respect to all or part of such Proprietary Information.

**12.2 Service Marks, Trademarks and Publicity.** Neither Party shall: (a) use the name, service mark, trademark, trade name, logo, or trade dress of the other Party; or (b) refer to the other Party in connection with any advertising, promotion, press release or publication, unless it obtains the other Party’s prior written approval.

**13. ASSIGNMENT.** Neither Party will assign or transfer this Agreement or any license or Order Form hereunder without the other Party’s prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment made in violation of this requirement shall be void and invalid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may assign this Agreement without the other Party’s consent to a person or entity (i) that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the assigning Party, (ii) which purchases all or substantially all of its assets or equity, or (iii) resulting from any merger, consolidation or other reorganization involving such Party.

**14. FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither Party shall be liable, nor shall any credit or other remedy be extended, for any delay or failure to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement or any Order Forms due to any cause beyond a Party’s reasonable control, including, but not limited to: acts of God, flood, extreme weather, fire, natural calamity, terrorism, any moratorium, law, order, regulation, action or inaction of any governmental entity or civil or military authority, power or utility failures, fiber or cable cuts caused by third parties, unavailability of rights-of-way, national emergencies, insurrection, riots, wars, strikes, lock-outs, work stoppages or other labor difficulties, pole hits, or material shortages (each a “Force Majeure Event”).

**15. NOTICES.** Any request to terminate this Agreement, or any claim for breach thereof, shall be in writing and transmitted either via (i) overnight courier or hand delivery, or (ii) certified or registered mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, to the other Party at the following address. Notices shall be deemed delivered upon receipt.

**Address for Licensee Notices:**

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**Address for Crown Castle Notices:**

Crown Castle  
2000 Corporate Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
Attention: Legal Department – Networks

A Party may change the address for notices by notice to the other Party provided pursuant to this Section 15. All other notices, requests, or communications may be transmitted by email as specified in the relevant invoice or Order Form, at <http://fiber.crowncastle.com/support>, or as otherwise directed by Crown Castle.

## 16. MISCELLANEOUS

**16.1 Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to its choice of law principles.

**16.2 No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** The covenants, undertakings, and agreements set forth in this Agreement are solely for the benefit of and enforceable by the Parties or their respective successors or permitted assigns. It is the explicit intention of the Parties hereto that no person or entity other than the Parties (and, with respect to the provisions of Section 10, the Indemnitees) is or shall be entitled to any legal rights under this Agreement.

**16.3 Relationship of the Parties.** The relationship between the Parties hereunder is not that of partners or agents for one another and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute or create a partnership, joint venture or similar relationship. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to authorize either Party to represent the other Party for any purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of such other Party.

**16.4 Order of Precedence.** If any conflict or contradiction exists between these general terms and conditions and a Supplement, the terms of a Supplement will control. If any conflict or contradiction exists between a Supplement and the terms of an Order Form, the terms of the Order Form will control. If any conflict or contradiction exists between these general terms and conditions and the terms of an Order Form, the terms of the Order Form will control.

**16.5 Non-Exclusivity.** This Agreement is non-exclusive. Both Parties may enter into similar arrangements with others, and Crown Castle may, as part of its normal business undertakings, actively market its products to any person or entity anywhere in the world, including but not limited to in competition with Licensee and/or Licensee's end users.

**16.6 Non-Waiver.** The waiver by any Party hereto of a breach or a default under any of the provisions of this Agreement, any Supplement or any Order Form, or the failure of any Party, on one or more occasions, to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not thereafter be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default of a similar nature, or as a waiver of any such provision, right or privilege hereunder.

**16.7 Survival.** The terms and provisions contained in this Agreement that by their nature and context are intended to survive the performance thereof by the Parties hereto shall so survive the completion of performance and termination or early termination of this Agreement, including, without limitation, provisions for indemnification, confidentiality, and the making of payments due hereunder.

**16.8 Headings.** Section and subsection headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only, shall not be deemed to be a part of this Agreement for any purpose, and shall not in any way define or affect the meaning, construction or scope of any of the provisions hereof.

**16.9 Severability; Void or Illegal Provisions.** If any part of this Agreement, Supplement or an Order Form shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, said part shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability only, without in any way affecting the remaining parts of this Agreement or such Order Form. The remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect insofar as it remains a workable instrument to accomplish the intent and purposes of the Parties. The Parties will replace the severed provision with a provision that reflects the initial intention of the Parties.

**16.10 Entire Agreement; Amendment.** This Agreement, including all Supplements, Order Forms, exhibits and addenda attached hereto is the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior negotiations, understandings and agreements, whether oral or written, with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument executed by the Parties.

**16.11 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that fully-executed electronic copies or facsimile copies of this Agreement and corresponding Order Forms are legally binding and shall act as originals for the purpose thereof.

**16.12 Disconnection Notice Requirement.** Licensee shall submit all requests for disconnection of Products in writing to Crown Castle. The effective date of any such disconnection will be the later of (i) thirty (30) days from Crown Castle's receipt of such disconnection request, or (ii) the date requested by Licensee in the disconnection request. Each disconnection request must specify the Licensee name and address, email address and telephone number of the person authorizing the disconnect, the circuit ID for the Product to which the disconnect request applies, the product type, and requested disconnection date. Upon termination of a Product, Crown Castle shall have the right (but not the obligation) to act on behalf of and as agent for Licensee to terminate all cross-connects relating to such Product, including cross-connects ordered by Licensee. Upon request Licensee shall confirm to the applicable supplier of the cross-connect(s) that Crown Castle is authorized to terminate such cross-connects on Licensee's behalf. Disconnections shall not affect Licensee's obligation to make payments as agreed in each Order Form.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the last date of execution below.

**LICENSEE:**

**CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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