

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 18-0491-PET

Joint petition of Champlain Broadband, LLC, City of Burlington d/b/a Burlington Telecom, and Blue Water Holdings LLC for approvals, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 109, 231, and 504; 47 U.S.C. § 214(e); and Section 438(c)(1) of the City of Burlington Charter	
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Order entered: 09/18/2018

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN EXHIBIT GA-2**

In an Order issued on August 1, 2018, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) granted in part and denied in part the motion of Champlain Broadband LLC (“Champlain”) requesting a protective order providing confidential treatment of two exhibits to the prefiled testimony of Champlain’s treasurer, Gesumino A. Agostino. That Order denied Champlain’s motion for confidential treatment of exhibit GA-3 and granted confidential treatment of certain numerical references contained in exhibit GA-2. The Commission required Champlain to file an averment in support of confidential treatment of any additional information contained in GA-2.

On August 17, 2018, Champlain filed a motion with the Commission requesting confidential treatment of certain additional information contained in exhibit GA-2 together with a supplemental averment of Mr. Agostino. Champlain contends that this information is “qualitatively similar in nature and commercial sensitivity to numerical information to which the Commission’s Order did extend protection.” Champlain seeks protection for all references to future plans to build out the Burlington Telecom system to potentially serve customers outside the City of Burlington including “specific references to the timing, location, and operational conditions precedent to such a possible expansion.”¹ Champlain represents that any public discussion about the possible expansion has not included the level of detail provided in GA-2 and maintains that a competitor could use the details on possible expansion plans to cause

¹ Champlain motion at 2.

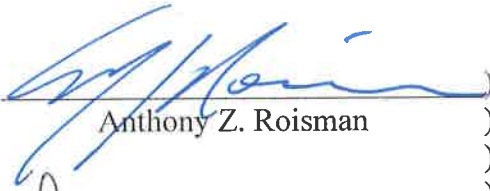
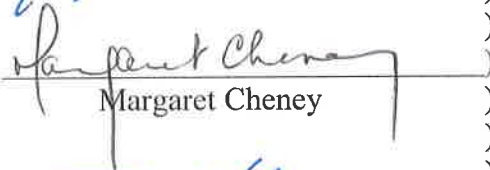

cognizable harm to Champlain. Champlain filed a public version of exhibit GA-2 that redacts the information on possible expansion.

In an accompanying cover letter, Champlain represents that the City of Burlington has reviewed the letter and agrees with its representations. No other party filed a response to Champlain's motion.

We determine that Champlain has presented a *prima facie* case for the confidential treatment of the information redacted from the public version of exhibit GA-2 filed on August 17. Accordingly, such information shall be protected from public disclosure as set forth in Paragraphs 1(a) through 1(f) in the Commission's Order of August 1, 2018, for a period of five years from the date of that Order. In addition, consistent with the Commission's August 1 Order, Champlain is directed to file exhibit GA-3 in ePUC within three days of the date of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of September, 2018.

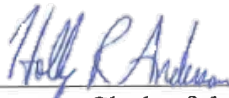
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