

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-0396-PET

Petition of Schurz Broadband Group, Inc. for approval of a controlling interest in Champlain Broadband, LLC, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 515	
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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENTS ON THE PETITION OF SCHURZ BROADBAND GROUP, INC, FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTROLLING INTERST IN CHAMPLAIN BROADBAND LLC PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. § 515

On February 28, 2025, Schurz Broadband Group, Inc. (“SBG”) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of acquisition of a 100% controlling interest in Champlain Broadband LLC d/b/a/ Burlington Telecom (“Champlain”), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 515. After review of the petition, supporting testimony and exhibits, and SBG’s responses to informal discovery, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) makes the following comments in support of the petition.

SBG is a wholly owned subsidiary of Schurz Communications Inc. (“SCI”). SCI is the current sole owner of Champlain. The Commission previously approved Champlain’s acquisition of assets enabling the “turn-key operation” of Burlington Telecom in Case No. 18-0491-PET.¹

The transaction is intended as part of an effort by SCI to consolidate ownership of seven similar companies under a single holding company in SBG. Consolidation of SCI’s holdings under SBG is expected to provide benefits in the form of improved operating efficiencies. As SCI will remain the sole owner of SBG, SBG claims transferring all voting membership interests in Champlain from SCI to SBG will not change the ultimate ownership or management of

¹ Case No. 18-0491-PET, Order of Feb. 19, 2019.

Champlain.

Based on its review of the petition materials, the Department concurs with SBG that the proposed transaction will not affect Champlain's ultimate ownership, governance structure, operations, or obligations under its existing 30 V.S.A. § 231 and § 504 Certificates of Public Good. SCI will remain the controlling parent entity, and no adjustments are planned to Champlain's staffing, service offering, or financial practices. Based on the foregoing, the Department believes that the transaction will promote the public good. Accordingly, the Department recommends that the Commission approve the petition without further hearings or investigation.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 9th Day of May 2025.

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