

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at Prattsburgh Town Hall, 19 North Main Street, Prattsburgh, New York 14873, in connection with the following matter:

EMPIRE LONG DISTANCE CORPORATION and **EMPIRE TELEPHONE CORPORATION**, for themselves or on behalf of an entity formed or to be formed by it or on their behalf (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application"), a copy of which is on file with the Agency, requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project"), consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 7.4 acres located at County Route 74, State Route 53 and 10632 S. Main Street, Town of Prattsburgh, New York and all other lands where by license or easement or other agreement the Company or its designees are making improvements that benefit the Project (the "Land", being more particularly identified as all or portions of tax parcel numbers 048.05-01-018.120; 048.05-01-026.000; 048.05-01-021.000; 048.05-01-022.000; 048.05-01-024.000; 047.00-01-002.200 and 047.00-01-095.000) and the approximately 13,200 square-foot existing facility located thereon (the "Existing Improvements"); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation on the Land of an approximately 24,000 square foot building consisting of approximately 20,000 square feet of warehouse space and approximately 4,000 square feet of administrative space, along with utility and site improvements, parking, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, together with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the "Facility").

The Agency will acquire title to or a leasehold interest in the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the Company will purchase the Facility from the Agency, or if the Agency holds a leasehold interest, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions, consistent with the policies of the Agency, and a partial real property tax abatement.

A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's Application and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of, opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

The Agency will provide access to the public hearing by broadcasting the public hearing in real time online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88405433007?pwd=d2pheG5HUUs5Uk9CNmpLWGw5bml6Zz09>.

The Agency encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Steuben County Industrial Development Agency, Attention: Stacy Housworth, 7234 Route 54 North, P.O. Box 393, Bath, New York 14810, and/or via e-mail at shousworth@steubencountyida.com no later than Monday, September 18, 2023.

Dated: September 7, 2023

STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY