



## MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENTERPRISE SERVICES – GOVERNMENTAL CUSTOMER

This Master Services Agreement for Enterprise Services – Governmental Customer (this “**MSA**”) is entered into as of this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates (collectively, “**Provider**”), and the CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, a Texas municipal corporation (“**Customer**”). For purposes of this MSA, the term “**Affiliate**” shall mean any other person which directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the first person or any of its subsidiaries. Each of Provider and Customer may be referred to in this MSA as a “**Party**” and together as the “**Parties**.”

### ARTICLE 1 – STRUCTURE OF AGREEMENT

1.1 Purpose of MSA. Provider and its Affiliates provide various facilities-based communications services, including Ethernet transport, dedicated internet access, voice over fiber, hosted voice, dark fiber, wavelength, colocation and related services (as applicable, the “**Services**”). This MSA is neither an agreement to purchase nor a commitment to provide Services. The purpose of this MSA is to provide the general terms, conditions and framework within which Customer and its Affiliates may from time to time purchase Services from Provider and its Affiliates, pursuant to one or more “**Service Orders**,” as described in Section 1.2 below.

1.2 (SRF) Service Request Form. Each individual (SRF) Service Request Form will outline the services for that specific address and type of service. The purchase of Services shall be accomplished only through the negotiation and mutual execution and delivery of a Service Order memorializing the terms and conditions pursuant to which Provider shall provide the desired Services to Customer. Service Orders shall clearly specify the following: (i) the type of Service at issue (e.g., Internet access, data transport, VoIP, dark fiber, etc.); (ii) the location(s) at which the Service is to be provided (each, a “**Service Site**”); (iii) the initial term of the Service Order (the “**Initial Service Term**”); (iv) the pricing for the Service, including (a) the monthly recurring charges (“**MRC**”) for the Service, and (b) any non-recurring charges (“**NRC**”) associated with installation of the Service; and (v) any other terms or conditions specific to the particular Service Order. Each fully-executed Service Order shall be governed by and become part of this MSA, and this MSA together with all fully-executed Service Orders shall be collectively referred to as the “**Agreement**.” Depending on the location of the Service Site, in some instances Services may be provided by an Affiliate of Provider.

1.3 Additional Documents Comprising Agreement; Order of Precedence. If one or more Service Level Agreements are attached to this MSA as Exhibits (the “**SLA**”), the SLA constitutes a part of this MSA. Customer’s use of any Services purchased pursuant to the Agreement will also be governed by Provider’s Acceptable Use Policy for Commercial Services (the “**AUP**”) which is posted on Provider’s website at <https://mygrande.com/PDFs/Grande-Business-Commercial-Acceptable-Use-Policy-06-06-2019.pdf>. Additional provisions that are applicable only to specific types of Services are contained in Provider’s Service-Specific Terms and Conditions (the “**Service-Specific T&Cs**”) which is posted on Provider’s website at <https://mygrande.com/PDFs/Grande-Business-Service-Specific-Terms-and-Conditions-06-06-2019.pdf>. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of any of the foregoing documents, the documents shall have the following order of precedence unless expressly stated otherwise in a particular Service Order: (i) this MSA (including the SLA); (ii) the applicable Service Order; (iii) the AUP; and (iv) the Service-Specific T&Cs.

### ARTICLE 2 – TERM AND RENEWAL

2.1 Term of MSA. The term of this MSA (the “**MSA Term**”) shall be for three (3) years, commencing on the Effective Date and expiring on the date that is one day prior to the fifth (5th) anniversary of the Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as any one or more Service Orders entered into pursuant to this MSA remain in effect, this MSA shall not terminate with respect to said Service Orders but shall continue to govern same until the expiration or termination of said Service Orders.

2.2 Term of Service Orders. The Initial Service Term of each Service Order shall be as specified in the Service Order.

### ARTICLE 3 – INSTALLATION, TESTING, ACCEPTANCE AND USE

3.1 Service Site; Demarcation Points; Equipment. Unless a Service Site is within Provider’s control, Customer shall provide Provider with access to the Service Site as and to the extent reasonably necessary for Provider to install, test, inspect and maintain the Service(s) ordered during the Service Term. Unless otherwise stated in a Service Order: (i) Provider shall be solely responsible for the provision, operation and maintenance of all equipment and facilities (the “**Provider Equipment**”) necessary to connect



Provider's network facilities to the Customer demarcation point(s) at the Service Site (the "**Demarcation Point(s)**"); and (ii) Customer shall be solely responsible for the provision, operation and maintenance of all equipment and facilities (the "**Customer Equipment**") from the Demarcation Point(s) to Customer's internal network. Unless a Service Site is within Provider's control, Customer shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate conditions at the Service Site, including HVAC, electrical power, and security. Title to the Provider Equipment shall at all times remain vested in Provider. Customer shall not re-arrange, disconnect, tamper with, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with the Provider Equipment, nor shall Customer permit any third party to do so.

3.2 Testing, Acceptance and Service Commencement Date. Provider shall use commercially reasonable efforts to install the Services consistent with Provider's usual and customary installation timeline, and shall endeavor to keep Customer regularly informed regarding installation progress. Provider shall notify Customer when a Service has been installed and is ready for testing and use. Customer may, at Customer's option, participate in Provider's final testing of the Service. For Services having a committed bandwidth, the committed information rate shall be measured at the Ethernet layer and includes the Ethernet frame itself. The Initial Service Term for the Service at issue shall commence on the date on which the Service has been installed, tested and is active and available for use by Customer (the "**Service Commencement Date**"). Customer shall have a period of five (5) business days after the Service Commencement Date in which Customer may notify Provider that the Service at issue is not functioning properly. If Customer notifies Provider of problems with a Service pursuant to this Section 3.2, Provider shall investigate and correct same and the Service Commencement Date shall be revised to be the first calendar day after the date on which Provider has corrected the problems. Unless Customer delivers notification of problems to Provider within the time period set forth above, Customer shall be deemed to have accepted the Service at issue and to have confirmed that the Service has been installed and is functioning properly as of the Service Commencement Date.

3.3 No Sub-Licensing; Non-Compete. Any Services provided to Customer pursuant to the Agreement are for the sole benefit of Customer. Customer shall not grant to any third party the right to use any of the Services, regardless of whether such grant were to take the form of a license, sublicense, lease, sublease, or any other form. Nor shall Customer use the Services for commercial purposes that are competitive with Provider's business (e.g., use the Services to sell Internet access services, point-to-point data transport services, VoIP services, etc., to third parties within Provider's service area).

#### ARTICLE 4 – PAYMENT AND BILLING

4.1 Invoicing. All amounts owed by Customer to Provider under the Agreement shall be collectively referred to as "**Fees**." Provider shall begin billing Customer for the MRC applicable to a Service as of the Service Commencement Date. Invoices shall be delivered monthly, and shall be paid by Customer within thirty (30) days of receipt. Fixed Fees shall be billed in advance and usage-based Fees shall be billed in arrears. Fixed fees for any partial month shall be pro-rated. For Services having an NRC, unless otherwise stated in the Service Order, Provider shall invoice Customer for the NRC upon full-execution of the Service Order. Except for amounts disputed in good faith by Customer pursuant to Section 4.2 below, past due amounts shall bear interest in the amount of 1.5% per month, or the highest amount allowed by law, whichever is lower.

4.2 Disputed Invoices. If Customer in good faith disputes any portion of a Provider invoice, Customer shall pay the undisputed portion of the invoice and submit written notice to Provider regarding the disputed amount, which notice shall include documentation supporting the alleged billing error (each such notice, a "**Fee Dispute Notice**"). A Fee Dispute Notice must be submitted to Provider within thirty (30) days from the date the invoice at issue is received by Customer. Customer waives the right to dispute any Fees not disputed within such thirty (30) day period. The Parties shall negotiate in good faith to attempt to resolve any such disputes within sixty (60) days after Customer's delivery of the applicable Fee Dispute Notice. Fee disputes unresolved within that time period shall be resolved by the mediation and arbitration procedures set forth in Sections 11.2 and 11.3 below.

4.3 Applicable Taxes. All charges for Services set forth in Service Orders are exclusive of Applicable Taxes (as defined below). Except for taxes based on Provider's net income or taxes for which Customer possesses a valid exemption certificate, Customer shall be responsible for payment of all applicable taxes and regulatory fees, however designated, that arise in any jurisdiction, including, without limitation, value added, consumption, sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access, bypass, or other taxes, fees, assessments, duties, charges or surcharges, that are imposed on, incident to, or based upon the provision, sale, or use of the Service(s) (collectively "**Applicable Taxes**"). The Applicable Taxes will be individually identified on invoices. If Customer is entitled to an exemption from any Applicable Taxes, Customer is responsible for presenting Provider with a valid exemption



certificate (in a form reasonably acceptable to Provider). Provider will give prospective effect to any valid exemption certificate provided in accordance with the preceding sentence.

## ARTICLE 5 – DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

5.1 Customer Default. Each of the following shall constitute a default by Customer under the Agreement (each a separate event of “**Default**”): (i) if Customer fails to pay any undisputed Fees when due, the failure of Customer to cure same within ten (10) days after receiving written notice from Provider regarding such failure to pay; (ii) if Customer fails to comply with any other material provision of the Agreement, the failure of Customer to cure same within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice from Provider regarding such non-compliance; or (iii) if Customer files or initiates proceedings, or has proceedings initiated against it, seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief (such as the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other such official) under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, and the same is not dismissed within sixty (60) days.

5.2 Remedies for Customer Default. In the event of a Default by Customer under the Agreement, Provider may, at its option: (i) suspend any applicable Services until such time as the Customer Default has been corrected (provided, however, that any suspension shall not relieve Customer’s on-going obligation to pay Provider all Fees and other amounts due under the Agreement as if such suspension of Services had not taken place); (ii) terminate the applicable Service(s) and/or the applicable Service Order(s); (iii) after the occurrence of any two Customer Defaults in any twelve (12) month period, terminate all Service Orders entered into with Customer; and/or (iv) pursue any other remedy available to Provider under the Agreement or applicable law. In the event of early termination for Customer Default pursuant to this Section 5.2, Customer shall pay to Provider the Termination Charge described in Section 6.3 below.

5.3 Provider Default. Each of the following shall constitute a Default by Provider under the Agreement: (i) if Provider fails to comply with any material provision of the Agreement other than provisions of the SLA, the failure by Provider to cure same within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice from Customer regarding such non-compliance; or (ii) Provider files or initiates proceedings, or has proceedings initiated against it, seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief (such as the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other such official) under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, and the same is not dismissed within sixty (60) days.

5.4 Remedies for Provider Default. In the event of a Default by Provider under the Agreement Customer may, at its option: (i) terminate the applicable Service(s) and/or the applicable Service Order(s); and/or (ii) pursue any other remedy available to Customer under the Agreement or applicable law. Early termination by Customer shall be accomplished by providing termination notice to Customer’s account manager and to the notice address specified in Article 13 below. In the event of early termination for Provider Default pursuant to this Section 5.4, Provider shall reimburse Customer for any pre-paid, unused monthly service Fees attributable to the terminated Service(s) and/or Service Order(s), and Customer shall have no further liability to Provider for the terminated Service(s) and/or Service Order(s). Early termination by Customer pursuant to this Section 5.4 shall not relieve Customer of its obligations to pay all Fees incurred prior to the early termination date.

## ARTICLE 6 – EARLY TERMINATION & PORTABILITY

6.1 Early Termination for Customer Convenience. Customer may, at any time after executing a Service Order, discontinue one or more of the Services ordered and/or terminate the Service Order by giving at least thirty (30) days’ advance written notice to Customer’s account manager and to the notice address specified in Article 13 below. Any early termination of a Service pursuant to this Section 6.1 shall be referred to as “**Termination for Customer Convenience**.” In the event of Termination for Customer Convenience, Customer shall pay to Provider the Termination Charge described in Section 6.3 below.

6.2 Early Termination for Default. In accordance with Article 5 above, either Party may elect to terminate one or more Service Orders prior to the scheduled expiration date in the event of an uncured Default by the other Party.

6.3 Termination Charge. In the event of Termination for Customer Convenience pursuant to Section 6.1 above, or termination for Customer Default pursuant to Section 5.2 above, Customer shall pay a Termination Charge to Provider. The “**Termination Charge**” shall equal the sum of the following: (i) all unpaid amounts for Services actually provided prior to the termination date; (ii) any portion of the NRC for the terminated Service(s) that has not yet been paid to Provider; (iii) with respect to off-net Services only, any documented cancellation or termination charges or fees imposed on Provider by any third party in



connection with the early termination of the Services; and (iv) one hundred percent (100%) of all remaining MRCs Customer was to pay Provider for the Service during the remainder of the applicable Service Term. If incurred, the Termination Charge will be due and payable by Customer within thirty (30) days after the termination date of the Service at issue. Customer acknowledges that the calculation of the Termination Charge is a genuine estimate of Provider's actual damages and is not a penalty.

6.4 Portability; Substitution of Services. At any time during the Service Term of a Service Order, Customer may elect to substitute new Services for then-existing Services. In such event, Provider will waive the Termination Charge associated with the termination of the then-existing Services as long as: (i) the Fees payable to Provider in connection with the substitute Services are equal to or greater than the Fees of the discontinued Services; (ii) Customer commits to retain the substitute Services for a period equal to or greater than the remainder of the Service Term for the discontinued Services; (iii) Customer pays all applicable installation and other NRCs, if any, for provision of the substitute Services; and (iv) Customer reimburses Provider for all reasonable and documented engineering, installation and construction costs associated with the discontinued Services, calculated on a time and materials basis, that have not already been recovered by Provider by the time of the substitution.

## ARTICLE 7 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

7.1 Definition of Confidential Information. “**Confidential Information**” shall mean all information, including the Agreement, regarding the telecommunications needs of Customer and the Services that Provider offers under the Agreement which is disclosed by one Party (“**Disclosing Party**”) to the other Party (“**Receiving Party**”), to the extent that such information is marked or identified as confidential or proprietary or would be reasonably deemed confidential or proprietary given the circumstances surrounding its disclosure. All written or oral pricing and contract proposals, as well as network maps or diagrams exchanged between the Parties shall be deemed Confidential Information, whether or not so designated. The fact that Customer is a customer of Provider shall not be deemed Confidential Information and may be freely disclosed by either Party. Information shall not be deemed Confidential Information if (i) it is independently developed by or for the Receiving Party, (ii) it is lawfully received by the Receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential, (iii) it becomes generally available to the public other than by breach of the Agreement, or (iv) it was known to the Receiving Party prior to the Disclosing Party's disclosure of same.

7.2 Obligations Regarding Confidential Information. Confidential Information is the property of the Disclosing Party and shall be returned to the Disclosing Party upon request. The Receiving Party shall hold all Confidential Information in confidence. The Receiving Party: (i) shall use such Confidential Information only for the purposes of performing its obligations and/or enforcing its rights under the Agreement; (ii) shall reproduce such Confidential Information only to the extent necessary for such purposes; (iii) shall restrict disclosure of such Confidential Information to employees, contractors, advisors or consultants that have a need to know for such purposes (with disclosure to contractors, advisors and consultants being limited to contractors, advisors and consultants that have signed a non-disclosure agreement to protect the Confidential Information of third parties); (iv) shall not disclose Confidential Information to any third party without prior written approval of the Disclosing Party except as expressly provided in the Agreement or as required by law, by court order, by administrative order of an agency having jurisdiction, or in the enforcement of its rights under the Agreement; and (v) shall use at least the same degree of care (in no event less than reasonable care) as it uses with regard to its own proprietary or confidential information to prevent the disclosure, unauthorized use or publication of Confidential Information. In the event a Receiving Party is required to disclose Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party pursuant to law, court order or administrative order of an agency having jurisdiction, the Receiving Party will, if such notice is permitted by law, notify the Disclosing Party of the required disclosure with sufficient time for the Disclosing Party to seek judicial relief from the required disclosure, and reasonably cooperate with the Disclosing Party in any efforts the Disclosing Party may take to obtain protective measures in respect to the required disclosure. The Parties agree that breach of this Article 7 may cause irreparable injury for which monetary damages are not an adequate remedy; accordingly, each Party may seek injunctive relief and any other available equitable remedies to enforce the provisions of this Article 7.

7.3 Public Information Act. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in this Article 7, the Parties understand and acknowledge that Customer is a governmental entity, and that Texas law limits the ability of Customer to shield from public disclosure any information given to Customer. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work together to avoid disclosures to Customer by Provider of confidential information which would result in economic loss or damage to Provider if such information were to be disclosed to third persons by Customer pursuant to a request submitted under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, or other similar public disclosure law. In the event that Customer receives a request pursuant to the Public Information Act (or other similar law) to disclose information identified by Provider in writing as confidential, Customer's



sole obligations to Provider shall be: (i) to promptly notify Provider; and (ii) to refrain from disclosing such records for a period of up to ten (10) business days to allow Provider an opportunity to seek legal protection against disclosure from a court of competent jurisdiction. Customer will not be required to withhold requested records beyond the ten (10) business days unless it may do so based on good faith reliance upon an exception to disclosure under the Public Information Act, or unless Customer is ordered to withhold disclosure by the order of a court having competent jurisdiction. Customer may, but shall not be required, to join in any legal proceedings relating to the requested disclosure unless required to do so by the court. In the event that Provider initiates legal proceedings, or Customer initiates legal proceedings or withholds requested records at Provider's request, Provider shall indemnify and hold Customer harmless from and against all costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, liabilities, damages or other liabilities Customer may incur due to the legal proceedings initiated at and/or Customer's withholding of records at Provider's request. Customer shall not be liable to Provider for any loss, cost or expense relating to the disclosure of requested records if Provider fails to obtain legal protection against disclosure and Customer releases the records in good faith.

## ARTICLE 8 – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

8.1 General Limitations. Provider shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by a Force Majeure Event. Except as expressly provided to the contrary elsewhere in the Agreement, Provider's aggregate liability for any and all causes and claims arising under the Agreement, whether based in contract, tort, warranty or otherwise shall be limited to the lesser of: (i) the actual direct damages sustained by Customer; or (ii) an amount equivalent to the total MRC received by Provider from Customer for the Service(s) at issue during the preceding twelve (12) month period.

8.2 Service Level Agreement. Should Provider fail, on any one or more occasions, to deliver any one or more Services to Customer in accordance with all of the terms and conditions contained in the applicable SLA, Customer's sole and exclusive remedy for such failure shall be as set forth in the SLA. No such failure shall be considered a Default by Provider under the Agreement.

8.3 No Special Damages. EXCEPT FOR (i) EACH PARTY'S CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 7 ABOVE, (ii) PROVIDER'S THIRD-PARTY INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 9 BELOW, AND (iii) CLAIMS ARISING FROM A PARTY'S INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES WHATSOEVER, ARISING OUT OF OR INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH A PARTY'S PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE TO PERFORM UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE AND NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION, LOST PROFITS, LOST REVENUE, LOSS OF GOODWILL, LOSS OF ANTICIPATED SAVINGS, LOSS OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, LOSS OF DATA OR COST OF PURCHASING REPLACEMENT SERVICES, EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAD BEEN ADVISED, KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH SPECIAL DAMAGES.

8.4 Disclaimer of Warranties. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, PROVIDER MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, AS TO THE DESCRIPTION, QUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY, COMPLETENESS, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE OF ANY SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

8.5 Assumption of Risk. PROVIDER HAS NO CONTROL OVER AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR THE CONTENT OF ANY INFORMATION TRANSMITTED OR RECEIVED BY CUSTOMER THROUGH THE SERVICES, SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO CUSTOMER'S NETWORK, ANY CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT FAILURES, OR ANY OTHER SUCH CAUSES, AND CUSTOMER USES THE SERVICES AT CUSTOMER'S OWN RISK. CUSTOMER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY, CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTEGRITY OF INFORMATION CUSTOMER TRANSMITS OR RECEIVES USING ANY SERVICES.

## ARTICLE 9 –INDEMNIFICATION FOR THIRD PARTY CLAIMS

9.1 [Intentionally Omitted.]

9.2 Indemnification by Provider. Provider shall indemnify, defend and hold Customer and its members, managers, officers, agents and employees (collectively, the "**Customer Indemnified Parties**") harmless from and against any and all claims, lawsuits or damages asserted against the Customer Indemnified Parties by any third-party to the extent the same arise out of or are due to: (i) Provider's negligence or willful misconduct in exercising its rights and performing its obligations under the Agreement; (ii) Provider's noncompliance with or Default under the Agreement; and/or (iii) Provider's failure to comply with applicable law in connection with its performance under the Agreement.





9.3 Indemnification Procedures for Third-Party Claims. Should any third-party claim arise under this Article 9, the indemnified Party shall promptly notify the indemnifying Party of same in writing, and shall take such action as may be necessary to avoid default or other adverse consequences in connection with such claim. The indemnifying Party shall have the right to select counsel and to control the defense and settlement of such claim; provided, however, that the indemnified Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of such claim and to employ counsel at its own expense to assist in handling the claim, and provided further, that the indemnifying party shall not take any action in defense or settlement of the claim that would negatively impact the indemnified Party without the consent of the indemnified Party. The indemnified Party shall reasonably cooperate with the indemnifying Party in the defense of the third-party claim, including making its files and personnel reasonably available to the indemnifying Party, all at the cost and expense of the indemnifying Party.

#### ARTICLE 10 – FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay in or failure of performance hereunder (other than Customer's payment obligations under Article 4) due to causes beyond such Party's reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, fire, flood, earthquake, ice storms, wind storms, or other severe weather events, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, terrorist acts, insurrection, riots or other civil unrest, national or regional emergency, unavailability of rights-of-way, a governmental authority's failure to timely act, inability to obtain equipment, material or other supplies due to strike, lockout or work stoppage, or any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of any civil or military governmental authority (each, a "**Force Majeure Event**"). If any Force Majeure Event causes an increase in the time required for performance of any of its duties or obligations, the affected Party shall be entitled to an equitable extension of time for completion. If the delay in performance caused by the Force Majeure Event exceeds thirty (30) days, either Party may terminate the Agreement or the applicable Service Order(s) immediately on written notice to the other Party, without incurring any liability in connection with such termination.

#### ARTICLE 11 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11.1 Good Faith Negotiations. Except for actions seeking a temporary restraining order or injunction, in the event any controversy, disagreement or dispute (each, a "**Dispute**") arises between the Parties in connection with this Agreement, the Parties shall use good faith efforts to resolve the Dispute through negotiation. In the event of a Dispute, either Party may give the other Party written notice of the Dispute (each, a "**Dispute Notice**"). The parties will meet and attempt to resolve the Dispute within sixty (60) days of the date on which the Dispute Notice is delivered. All discussions occurring and documents exchanged during negotiations under this Section are confidential and inadmissible for any purpose in any legal proceeding involving the Parties; provided that evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in the negotiation process. If the Parties do not resolve the Dispute within the sixty (60) day period, either of the Parties may pursue any remedy available to it under this Agreement, at law or in equity.

11.2 Governing Law. This Agreement and all matters arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Any judicial action arising in connection with this Agreement shall be in the District Court of the State of Texas in and for Nueces County, or in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Texas, as applicable. ***Each party irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, trial by jury of any disputes, claims or issues arising under the Agreement.***

#### ARTICLE 12 – ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

Except as otherwise provided in this Article 12, neither Party shall assign, delegate or otherwise transfer the Agreement or its obligations under the Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing (i) any entity acquiring such Party, whether by merger or through purchase of substantially all the assets of such Party; (ii) a lender as an asset securing indebtedness; or (iii) an Affiliate of such party; provided, that in the event of a transfer to an Affiliate, the transferring Party shall continue to remain liable for the obligations under the Agreement. Within thirty (30) days following any assignment pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence, the assigning Party shall deliver written notice of the assignment to the other Party. In such event, this MSA shall be amended in writing to reflect the assignment by the assignor and assumption by the assignee.



### ARTICLE 13 – NOTICES

Unless otherwise provided elsewhere in the Agreement, any notice to be given to either Party under the Agreement will be in writing. Notices to Provider shall be directed to Provider's address set forth below. Notices to Customer shall be directed to Customer's addresses set forth in the applicable Service Order. Notices will be deemed received (i) the next business day, when sent by reliable, commercial overnight courier; (ii) three (3) business days after being sent by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested; (iii) when actually received, if sent by email during the business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time). Notices received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) will be effective the next business day.

**Provider's Address for Notices:**

Grande Communications Networks, LLC  
401 Carlson Circle  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
ATTN: Facility Account Management  
Email: famenterprise@mygrande.com

**Customer's Address for Notices:**

**With a Copy to:**

Grande Communications Networks, LLC  
650 College Road East, Suite 3100  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
ATTN: Legal Department

**With a Copy to:**

Either Party may change its notice address by giving notice to the other Party in accordance with this Article.

### ARTICLE 14 – REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Each Party represents and covenants to the other as follows: (i) the execution and delivery of the Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized; (ii) the Agreement is a valid and legal agreement binding on such parties and enforceable in accordance with its terms; (iii) to the best of its knowledge and belief, it is in material compliance with all laws, rules and regulations and court and governmental orders related to the operation of its business; and (iv) it shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations when exercising its rights and performing its obligations under the Agreement.

### ARTICLE 15 – MISCELLANEOUS

15.1 Entire Agreement; Interpretation. The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior oral or written agreements between the Parties regarding the subject matter contained herein. The Agreement may only be modified or supplemented by an instrument executed by an authorized representative of each Party. The Agreement and each of the terms and provisions of it are deemed to have been explicitly negotiated by the Parties, and the language in all parts of the Agreement shall, in all cases, be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either of the Parties. If any provision of the Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, for any reason and to any extent, be found invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement and the application of that provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, but shall instead continue in full force and effect.

15.2 No Waiver. No failure by either Party to enforce any rights hereunder will constitute a waiver of such rights. Nor shall a waiver by either Party of any particular breach or default constitute a waiver of any other breach or default or any similar future breach or default. Provider's acceptance of any payment under the Agreement will not constitute an accord or any other form of acknowledgement or satisfaction that the amount paid is in fact the correct amount, and acceptance of a payment will not release any claim by Provider for additional amounts due from Customer.

15.3 Attorneys' Fees. If any proceeding is brought by a Party to enforce or interpret any term or provision of the Agreement, the substantially prevailing Party in such proceeding will be entitled to recover, in addition to all other relief as set forth in the Agreement, that Party's reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and expenses.



15.4 Relationship; No Third Party Beneficiaries. The Agreement is a commercial contract between Provider and Customer and the relationship between the Parties is that of independent contractors. Nothing in the Agreement creates any partnership, principal- agent, employer-employee or joint venture relationship between the Parties or any of their Affiliates, agents or employees for any purpose. The Agreement is for the sole benefit of Provider and Customer and is not intended to confer any rights on any other person; there are no third party beneficiaries of the Agreement.

15.5 Exhibits. The following Exhibits, which are attached to this MSA, are incorporated herein and by this reference made a part of this MSA:

- EXHIBIT A - Service Level Agreement for Lit Fiber Services
- EXHIBIT B - Service Level Agreement for Dark Fiber Services

15.6 Computation of Time. Except where expressly provided to the contrary, as used in the Agreement, the word "day" shall mean "calendar day," and the computation of time shall include all Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for purposes of determining time periods specified in the Agreement. If the final date of any period of time set out in any provision of the Agreement falls upon a Saturday or a Sunday or a legal holiday, then in such event, the time of such period shall be extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. As used in the Agreement, the term "business day" shall mean a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday.

15.7 Counterparts; Electronic Signatures. This MSA and any Service Order entered into by the Parties pursuant to this MSA may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any executed documents sent to the other Party in portable document format (pdf) images via email will be considered the same as an original document. The Parties consent to the use of electronic signatures.

15.8 Non-Appropriation. The continuation of the Agreement after the close of any fiscal year of the Customer, which fiscal year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> annually, is subject to appropriation and budget approval specifically covering the Agreement as an expenditure in said budget, and it is within the sole discretion of the Customer's City Council to determine whether or not to fund the Agreement. The Customer does not represent that this budget item will be adopted, as said determination is within the City Council's sole discretion when adopting each budget.

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The Parties are signing this MSA as of the Effective Date set forth in the preamble above.


**CUSTOMER:**

City of Corpus Christi, a Texas municipal corporation

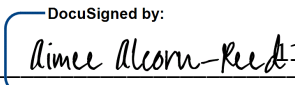
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
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**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**


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 Assistant City Attorney Date

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 Rebecca Huerta  
 City Secretary