STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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DOCKET NO. 26-09-20 APPLICATION OF FIBER ASSETCO, LLC D/B/A ZAYO FOR APPROVAL TO INSTALL FACILITIES UNDER AND OVER CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

October 27, 2026

By the following Commissioners:

Thomas H. Wiehl
David Arconti, Jr.
Janice A. Beecher
Holly H. Cheeseman
Everett Smith, III

PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

This proposed final Decision is being distributed to the parties in this proceeding for comment. The proposed Decision is not final. The Authority will consider the parties' arguments and exceptions before reaching a final Decision, which may differ from the proposed Decision. Therefore, this proposed Decision does not establish any precedent and does not necessarily represent the Authority's final conclusion.

PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

I. INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY

In this Decision, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority grants approval of Fiber AssetCo, LLC d/b/a Zayo to install fiber optic wireline facilities on utility poles within the public rights-of-way.

B. BACKGROUND OF THE PROCEEDING

On September 25, 2026, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority) received an application (Application) from Fiber AssetCo, LLC d/b/a Zayo (Zayo or Company) requesting approval to initiate construction plans to install fiber optic cabling (Facilities) on utility poles within the public rights-of-way (PROW).

C. CONDUCT OF THE PROCEEDING

There is no statutory requirement for a hearing, no person requested a hearing, and none was held.

D. PARTICIPANTS

The Authority recognized the following as Participants to this proceeding: Fiber AssetCo, LLC d/b/a Zayo, 1401 Wynkoop Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202; the Office of Consumer Counsel, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051; and the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-247c-5(a), "[n]o certified telecommunications company shall install, maintain, operate, manage or control facilities under or over any public highway or street for the provision of telecommunications service without the approval of the [Authority]."

III. AUTHORITY ANALYSIS

The Application was filed pursuant to General Statutes § 16-247h and Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-247c-5,[1] and proposes constructing a total of 0.23 miles of Facilities in Newington and Bethel, Connecticut. Attachment C, Application p. 2. According to the

[1] The Company was granted a CPCN to operate as a reseller and facilities-based provider of telecommunications services throughout Connecticut in the September 17, 2025, Decision in Docket No. 25-06-14, Application of Fiber AssetCo, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Company, the Facilities will utilize single-mode, bend-sensitive fiber cabling manufactured by Corning Cable Systems, AFL, Prysmian, or ofs. Id. Zayo submitted under protective order the specific locations and route maps indicating where the Company intends to construct those facilities. Zayo proposes to begin construction on November 24, 2026, and complete construction on January 29, 2027. Id.

The purpose of the Facilities is to allow Zayo to provide services to residences and businesses in the areas where Facilities are installed, as well as consistent with the Company's tariff. Attachment C, Application p. 1. Zayo will install the Facilities within the communications space on utility poles owned by The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications and either The United Illuminating Company or The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy. Id.

As Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-247c-5(b) requires that applications for approval to construct facilities in the public rights-of-way must be filed with the Authority at least 90 days prior to the commencement of construction, the Company requests a waiver of that requirement to 60 days. Attachment C, Application, Attachment II.

The Authority finds that the Facilities are in the public interest because the Facilities increase the capacity of the existing telecommunications system and do not represent a threat to public health and safety. Under General Statutes § 16-247h, the public interest is served by, among other things, "facilitating the efficient development and deployment of an advanced telecommunications infrastructure." The Authority waives the requirements of Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-247c-5(b). Consequently, the Facilities are consistent with statutory language encouraging the efficient deployment of telecommunications infrastructure as being in the public interest.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDERS

A. CONCLUSION

The Authority reviewed all information in the record and approves the Company's construction plans to install Facilities on utility poles within the PROW.

The Authority's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company. The Authority may reverse its ruling or revoke the Company's registration if any material information provided proves to be false or misleading. The Company is reminded that it is obligated to notify the Authority within 10 days of any changes to any of the information it has provided.

B. ORDERS

For the following Orders, file an electronic version through the Authority's website at www.ct.gov/pura. Submissions filed in compliance with the Authority's Orders must be identified by all three of the following: Docket Number, Title and Order Number.

1. No later than 10 days after the completion of each construction project, the Company shall notify the Authority of the actual date of completion of the construction. Such notification shall certify that the Company obtained all applicable pole attachment licenses, municipal permits and any permit bonds required by the DOT.

2. Prior to commencing construction, the Company shall obtain pole attachment licenses from the pole owners and acquire all other applicable state and municipal permits.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision issued by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, State of Connecticut, and was forwarded by Certified Mail to all parties of record in this proceeding on the date indicated.

Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Date