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BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION
&
ENFORCEMENT

January 8, 2026

Via Electronic Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v.
Core Communications, Inc.
Docket No. C-2025-3058983
I&E Motion for Default Judgment

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Motion for Default Judgment of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in the above-referenced matter.

Copies are being served on the parties of record in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Samantha N. Barbush'.

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Enclosures

cc: Per Certificate of Service
Allison C. Kaster, Chief Prosecutor, I&E (via email – akaster@pa.gov)
Spencer Nahf, Telco Supervisor, TUS (via email – snahf@pa.gov)

**BEFORE THE
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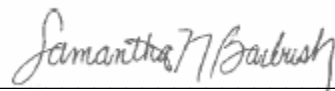
NOTICE TO PLEAD

The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) has filed a Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, pursuant to the Commission’s regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.103. You are hereby notified to file a written response within twenty (20) days of the service of the Motion, consistent with 52 Pa. Code § 5.61.

Your Answer must be verified, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.36, and the original sent to:

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
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Additionally, you must serve a copy on the undersigned prosecutor.



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MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

NOW COMES the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”), by its prosecuting attorney, and files this Motion for Default Judgment against Core Communications, Inc. (“Respondent”), pursuant to Section 5.103 of the Commission’s regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.103. In support thereof, I&E respectfully represents as follows:

1. I&E commenced this action on December 1, 2025, by filing a Formal Complaint.
2. The Complaint alleged that Respondent violated 52 Pa. Code § 63.37(c)(2) by failing to file its 2024 annual access line summary report to the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau by March 1, 2025.
3. On December 1, 2025, a courtesy copy of the Complaint was electronically mailed to Respondent at billing@coretel.com.¹
4. On December 5, 2025, the Complaint was served by certified mail to Respondent, per 52 Pa. Code § 5.21(c). The Complaint was additionally electronically served to Chris Van de Verg at chris@coretel.net.

¹ Respondent’s email address, billing@coretel.com, was provided by Respondent to the Commission and is associated with Respondent’s CEO and President, Bret Mingo.

5. Attached to the Complaint was a Notice advising Respondent that it must file an Answer within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint.

6. The Notice also advised Respondent that if it failed to answer the Complaint, I&E would request that the Commission issue an Order imposing the penalty set forth in the Complaint.

7. The twenty (20) days to file an Answer to the Complaint expired on December 25, 2025.

8. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Complaint.

9. Pursuant to Section 5.61(c) of the Commission's regulations, a respondent who fails to file an answer to a complaint within the 20-day response period may be deemed in default, and the relevant facts stated in the complaint may be deemed admitted. 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(c).

10. The Commonwealth Court has upheld the Commission's authority to sustain complaints that are not answered within twenty days. *See Fusaro v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n*, 382 A.2d 794, 797 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1978).

11. I&E respectfully requests that the Commission enter a Default Order against Respondent that:

- a. Finds Respondent in violation of 52 Pa. Code § 63.37(c)(2) for failing to file its 2024 annual access line summary report to the Commission's Secretary's Bureau by March 1, 2025;
- b. Orders Respondent to file its 2024 annual access line summary report within thirty (30) days of entry of an Order of the Commission, and should Respondent receive an associated invoice for its Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") surcharge², timely pay the TRS surcharge revenues that it owes as directed therein;

² Currently, there is no TRS surcharge. TRS surcharge revenues will not be collected until excess of the Relay Service Fund is spent down. *See Recalculation of the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service Surcharge*, Docket No. M-2024-3045235 (Order entered May 23, 2024); *Recalculation of the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service Surcharge*, Docket No. M-2025-3052796 (Order entered May 22, 2025).

- c. Assesses Respondent the civil penalty of Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) to be paid within thirty (30) days of entry of an Order of the Commission;
- d. Notifies Respondent, that should Respondent fail to pay the civil penalty of Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) set forth in subparagraph (c), above, within thirty (30) days of entry of an Order of the Commission, this matter will be referred to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General for appropriate action;
- e. Directs the Bureau of Administration, Assessment Section, to refer this matter to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General for collection of the total set forth in subparagraph (c), above, if Respondent fails to pay that total within thirty (30) days of entry of an Order of the Commission;
- f. Revokes Respondent's certificate of public convenience in the event that Respondent fails to comply with subparagraphs (b) and (c), above; and
- g. Grants such further relief as is deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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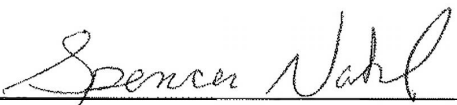
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VERIFICATION

I, Spencer Nahf, Supervisor, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, Telecommunications Section, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I expect that the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will be able to prove the same at any hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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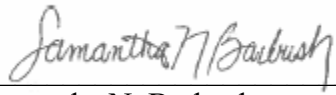
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for Default Judgment** upon the party, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

Served via First-Class and Electronic Mail

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