

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: LTD BROADBAND LLC	DOCKET NO. ETA-2019-0001
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RECUSAL STATEMENT

Board Member Joshua Byrnes states as follows:

1. I was appointed to the Utilities Board (Board) on November 30, 2020, to fulfill a six-year term expiring on April 30, 2025.
2. Prior to my service on the Board, I served as the General Manager of Osage Municipal Utilities, an Iowa municipal utility providing electric, natural gas, and telecommunication services to customers.
3. During my time as the General Manager of Osage Municipal Utilities, LTD Broadband LLC acted as a competing telecommunications provider within the telecommunications service territory of Osage Municipal Utilities.
4. Pursuant to Iowa Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 51:2.11(A)(1), a judge shall disqualify himself or herself from a proceeding if the impartiality of the judge may reasonably be questioned due to the judge having personal knowledge of facts that are in dispute in a proceeding.
5. The personal knowledge obtained during interactions between Osage Municipal Utilities and LTD Broadband LLC during my term as General Manager of Osage Municipal Utilities could reasonably relate to matters to be determined by the

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Board in the review of the Application to Amend Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation now pending before the Board in this docket.

6. I hereby provide notice that I am recusing myself from this matter. I will not participate personally or substantially in any way in this matter, including but not limited to, discussing the matter with agency staff or other Board members; attending any closed session meetings relating to the matter; participating, voting, or commenting in open session meetings related to the matter; and reviewing any files or documents relating to the matter prior to the posting of the documents to the Board's electronic filing system.

7. By this statement, I am directing Board staff to ensure that I am screened from any information or communications relating to this docket.

8. This recusal will remain in effect until a decision has been rendered on the pending Application and all opportunities for further review have been exhausted.

Joshua J Byrnes Date: 2021.05.20
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ATTEST:

Anna Hyatt Date: 2021.05.20
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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of May, 2021.