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VIA ECFS

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application of Quality Voice & Data Inc., For Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, Pursuant to Section 52.15(g), Docket No. 20-\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to §52.15(g)(3)(i) of the Commission’s Rules,<sup>1</sup> Quality Voice & Data Inc. files its Application for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources. Please note, this Application contains confidential material, the disclosure of which would competitively harm the Company. Accordingly, Quality Voice requests this material be filed under seal, pursuant to §0.459 of the Commission’s Rules.<sup>2</sup> In support of this request, Quality Voice submits the following:

*1. Identification of the information for which confidential treatment is sought.*

Quality Voice seeks confidential treatment of **Exhibits A and B** to its Application, and specific references to these exhibits found in the body of its Application.

*2. Description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission.*

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.

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As part of its Application, Quality Voice is including the agreement between its carrier partner as proof of its facilities readiness as required by §52.15(g)(3)(i)(D) of the Commission's Rules, and copies of a number of the carrier's interconnection agreements with incumbent carriers.

3. *Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged.*

The information for which Quality Voice seeks confidential treatment contains sensitive commercial information "which would customarily be guarded from competitors." The Exhibits to this Application describes the agreement between Quality Voice and its carrier partner and contains proprietary commercial information concerning Quality Voice's network, customers, financing, and services.

4. *Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial or contains a trade secret or is privileged.*

The Exhibits contain information relating to commercial matters which can be used by other interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") providers to compromise Quality Voice's position in the highly competitive interconnected VoIP sector.

Accordingly, release of this information would result in substantial competitive harm to Quality Voice.

5. *Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm.*

Competitors could use Quality Voice's proprietary commercial and operational information to Quality Voice's detriment as they would gain access to sensitive information concerning Quality Voice's commercial agreements, as well as information as to how Quality Voice provides its services. This information is not typically disclosed publicly.

6. *Identification of any measures taken to prevent unauthorized disclosure, or if the information has been disclosed previously.*

Neither Quality Voice nor its carrier-partner have distributed the information to the public or to any third party.

7. *Justification of the period during which Quality Voice asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure.*

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Quality Voice requests that the Exhibits be treated as confidential for a minimum period of ten years. This period is necessary due to the nature of the proprietary information in the Exhibits of the Application.

A non-public version of this Application with the confidential information included is being filed concurrently in-hand today.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 792-6422, or [kmarshall@potomaclaw.com](mailto:kmarshall@potomaclaw.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine E. Barker Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Katherine" and "Barker" stacked above "Marshall".

Katherine Barker Marshall, Counsel to Quality Voice & Data Inc.

cc:      Dean Garfinkel, Quality Voice & Data Inc.