

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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**APPLICATION OF ACU GLOBAL LLC FOR REGISTRATION AS A TELEPHONE
CORPORATION**

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 1013

Application of ACU Global LLC

Application No. _____

for registration as a telephone corporation pursuant to
Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

PUBLIC FILING

Dated: 9/2/2026

Filer

Michael Ricks, CBO

ACU Global LLC

906 S Oneida St Unit 8

Rupert, ID 83350

(208) 677-8000

mike@anthembusinessgroup.com

Authority requested

Non-facilities-based fixed interconnected VoIP service in the specific
California service areas identified in Appendix B.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

1013 Registration Form Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1013

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: ACU Global LLC
Business Address: 906 S Oneida St Unit 8, Rupert, ID 83350
Telephone No.: (208) 677-8000
E-mail Address: mike@anthembusinessgroup.com

1.a. Principal Place of Business: (if different from address above)

Same as Above

1.b. List all fictitious business names under which Applicant has done business in the last five years:

Anthem Connect

1.c. Applicant is (check one only)

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Corporation (Inc) | ☐ General Partnership |
| ☐ Limited Partnership (LP) | ☐ Sole Proprietor |
| ☒ Limited Liability Company (LLC) | ☐ Trust |
| ☐ Other, specify: N/A | |

Attach **Appendix A** with the following: 1) a copy of the entity's organizing documents; and (2) a copy of its Certificate of Good Standing Status certified by the California Secretary of State and/or additional evidence of the Applicant's qualification to transact business in California.

1.d. FCC Registration No.: 0035517085

1.e CSOS Entity No.: B20250231062

1.f. Applicant has a foreign ownership interest

☒ NO ☐ YES, Foreign entity interest: N/A

2. APPLICANT REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Agent Name: Registered Agents Inc.
Address: 1401 21st St, Ste R, Sacramento, CA 95811
Telephone No.: (279) 260-0090

3. APPLICANT LEGAL DOMICILE (check one only)

☐ California

☒ Other, specify: Idaho

4. APPLICANT WILL OPERATE AS (check all that apply)

☐ Competitive Local
Exchange Service Provider

4.a. Proposed Facilities

☐ Switchless-Reseller/
Non-Facilities-Based

4.d. Service Territories

☐ Within ALL the service
territories of uniform
regulatory framework
incumbent local exchange
carriers

☐ Within ALL the service
territories of the small
incumbent local exchange
carriers

☐ In specific portions of the
state only (**Appendix B**)

☐ Interexchange
(Intra/Inter-LATA)
Service Provider

4.b. Proposed Facilities

☐ Switchless-Reseller/
Non-Facilities-Based

4.e. Service Territories

☐ Throughout the state of
California.

☐ In specific portions of the
state only (**Appendix B**)

☒ Fixed Interconnected Voice
over Internet Protocol
(VoIP) Service Provider

4.c. Proposed Facilities

☒ Non-Facilities-Based

4.f. Service Territories

☐ Within the service
territories of uniform
regulatory framework
incumbent local exchange
carriers

☐ Within the service
territories of small
incumbent local exchange
carriers

☒ In specific portions of the
state only (**Appendix B**)

Attach **Appendix B** to include a list of the specific portion(s) or geographical location(s) of the State, and/or ILEC territory(ies); and a copy of the map(s).

Applicant seeking to operate in any Small Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers territories must meet the requirements contained in Appendix A of D.20-08-011.

5. DATE APPLICANT EXPECTS TO BEGIN SERVICE(S) IN CALIFORNIA



IMPORTANT NOTICE: If already providing voice services in California, **DO NOT USE THIS FORM.** The applicant is not qualified to use the 1013 registration process and must obtain an operating authority via CPCN application process pursuant to Pub. Util. Code §1001.

Date: 09/01/2026

6. APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN CALIFORNIA

(check all that apply)

- ☒ Provide voice services (traditional wireline and/or Fixed Interconnected VoIP) directly to customers
- ☒ Other (Describe below other services applicant offers, whether or not they are within Commission's jurisdiction.)

Broadband Internet access service, offered separately from VoIP service.

7. SWORN AFFIDAVIT

☒ TRUE ☐ NOT TRUE (See important notice below)

Neither Applicant, any of its affiliates, officers, directors, partners, agents, or owners (directly or indirectly) of more than 10% of Applicant, or anyone acting in a management capacity for Applicant: (a) held one of these positions with a company that filed for bankruptcy; (b) been personally found liable, or held one of these positions with a company that has been found liable, for fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose, or misrepresentations to consumers or others; (c) been convicted of a felony; (d) been (to his/her knowledge) the subject of a criminal referral by judge or public agency; (e) had a telecommunications license or operating authority denied, suspended, revoked, or limited in any jurisdiction; (f) personally entered into a settlement, or held one of these positions with a company that has entered into settlement of criminal or civil claims involving violations of Sections 17000 et seq., 17200 et seq., or 17500 et seq. of the California Business & Professions Code, or of any other statute, regulation, or decisional law relating to fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose, or misrepresentations to consumers or others; (g) been found to have violated any statute, law, or rule pertaining to public utilities or other regulated industries; and/or (h) entered into any settlement agreements or made any voluntary payments or agreed to any other type of monetary forfeitures in resolution of any action by any regulatory body, agency, or attorney general.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: If Applicant's response to this section is "Not True", DO NOT USE THIS FORM. The applicant is not qualified to use the 1013 registration process and must obtain an operating authority via CPCN application process pursuant to Pub. Util. Code §1001.

7.a. List of all Affiliated Entities (Attach as Appendix C)

8. APPLICANT HAS THE REQUIRED MANAGERIAL AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO OPERATE AS A SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE TYPE INDICATED IN SECTION 4 OF THIS FORM.☒ TRUE

Attach **Appendix D** with the following: 1) List of the names, titles, and street addresses of all officers, directors, partners, agents, or owners (directly or indirectly) of more than 10% of Applicant, or any person acting in such capacity whether or not formally appointed, and 2) all resumes for each personnel identified listing all employment for each officer, director, partner, agent, or owner (directly or indirectly) of more than 10% of Applicant, or any person acting in such capacity whether or not formally appointed.

8.a. APPLICANT ATTESTATION☒ TRUE ☐ NOT TRUE (See important notice below)

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, neither Applicant, any affiliate, officer, director, partner, nor owner of more than 10% of Applicant, or any person acting in such capacity whether or not formally appointed, is being or has been investigated by the Federal Communications Commission or any law enforcement or regulatory agency for failure to comply with any law, rule or order.



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9. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT☒ TRUE

Applicant has a minimum of (a) \$25,000 in the case of a switchless reseller/non-facilities-based, reasonably liquid and available to meet the firm's first year expenses, including an additional \$25,000 for deposits which may be required by local exchange carriers or interexchange carriers; OR (b) has profitable interstate operations to generate the required cash flow.

Attach **Appendix E** containing a financial instrument pursuant to Appendix F of D.24-11-003 that demonstrates the Applicant's financial ability as required above.

10. APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE AND SEEKS AN EXEMPTION FROM TARIFFING REQUIREMENTS☒ TRUE ☐ NOT TRUE (Attach **Appendix F** with Applicant's Draft Initial Tariff)

11. OTHER LICENSE(S) HELD WITH THE COMMISSION, EITHER CURRENT AND/OR PRIOR *(See important notice below)*

☒ NONE

☐ CURRENT AND/OR PRIOR, specify:

N/A



IMPORTANT NOTICE: If applicant has previously held a CPUC issued operating authority or registration that was revoked due to a violation of Commission Rules and Requirements, **DO NOT USE THIS FORM.** The applicant is not qualified to use the 1013 registration process and must obtain an operating authority via CPCN application process pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1001.

12. PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT

☒ TRUE

Applicant attests that, upon approval of its request, it will comply with the California Public Utilities Commission's performance bond requirements in accordance with Decision (D.) 10-09-017, D.11-09-026, D.13-05-035 and D.24-11-003.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing information, and all attachments, are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief after due inquiry, and that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the Applicant named above.

Signed Michael Ricks

Name Michael Ricks

Title CBO

Dated

Address 906 S Oneida St Unit 8, Rupert, ID 83350

Telephone (208) 677-8000

Email Address mike@anthembusinessgroup.com

ACU Global LLC

Appendix A contains the organizational and qualification records required by Section 1.c of the CPUC registration form.

- 1. Idaho Certificate of Organization, filed March 29, 2024 (Idaho File No. 0005663245).
- 2. California Certificate of Status dated August 18, 2026, confirming active status and qualification to transact intrastate business in California (Entity No. B20250231062).

Filing note

The California Certificate of Status is dated within 60 days of the filing date, as required by the CPUC instructions. These official records establish the applicant's legal organization and current California qualification.



0005663245



STATE OF IDAHO
Office of the secretary of state, Phil McGrane
**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY**

Idaho Secretary of State
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0080
(208) 334-2301
Filing Fee: \$100.00

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Certificate of Organization Limited Liability Company

Select one: Standard, Expedited or Same Day Service (see descriptions below) Standard (filing fee \$100)

1. Limited Liability Company Name

Type of Limited Liability Company

Limited Liability Company

Entity name

ACU Global LLC

2. The complete street address of the principal office is:

Principal Office Address

906 S ONIEDA ST
UNIT 8
RUPERT, ID 83350

3. The mailing address of the principal office is:

Mailing Address

906 S ONEIDA ST UNIT 8
RUPERT, ID 83350-8200

4. Registered Agent Name and Address

Registered Agent

Michael Ricks
Registered Agent
Physical Address
906 S ONIEDA ST # 8
RUPERT, ID 83350
Mailing Address
906 S ONEIDA ST UNIT 8
RUPERT, ID 83350-8200

☒ I affirm that the registered agent appointed has consented to serve as registered agent for this entity.

5. Governors

Name	Address
Michael Ricks	906 S ONIEDA ST UNIT 8 RUPERT, ID 83350
Jacob Larsen	906 S ONIEDA ST UNIT 8 RUPERT, ID 83350

Signature of Organizer:

Michael Ricks

Sign Here

03/29/2024

Date

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Secretary of State Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: ACU Global LLC
Entity No.: B20250231062
Registration Date: 07/30/2025
Entity Type: Limited Liability Company - Out of State
Formed In: IDAHO
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is qualified to transact intrastate business in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of August 18, 2026.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

Certificate No.: 490958034

To verify the issuance of this Certificate, use the Certificate No. above with the Secretary of State Certification Verification Search available at bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov.

Proposed California service territory

ACU Global LLC requests authority to provide non-facilities-based fixed interconnected VoIP service in the six specific geographic areas shown on the following maps. The highlighted service-area geometry in each applicant-provided Google Earth screenshot controls. City names are geographic reference labels and do not independently enlarge or reduce the mapped territory.

- Palmdale, California - highlighted service area shown on the following map.
- Oceanside, California - highlighted service area shown on the following map.
- Escondido, California - highlighted service area shown on the following map.
- Simi Valley, California - highlighted service area shown on the following map.
- Placentia, California - highlighted service area shown on the following map.
- Fullerton, California - highlighted service area shown on the following map.

Map basis

The maps retain the original satellite imagery, road and place labels, and imagery attribution visible in the screenshots supplied by the applicant.

Palmdale Service Area



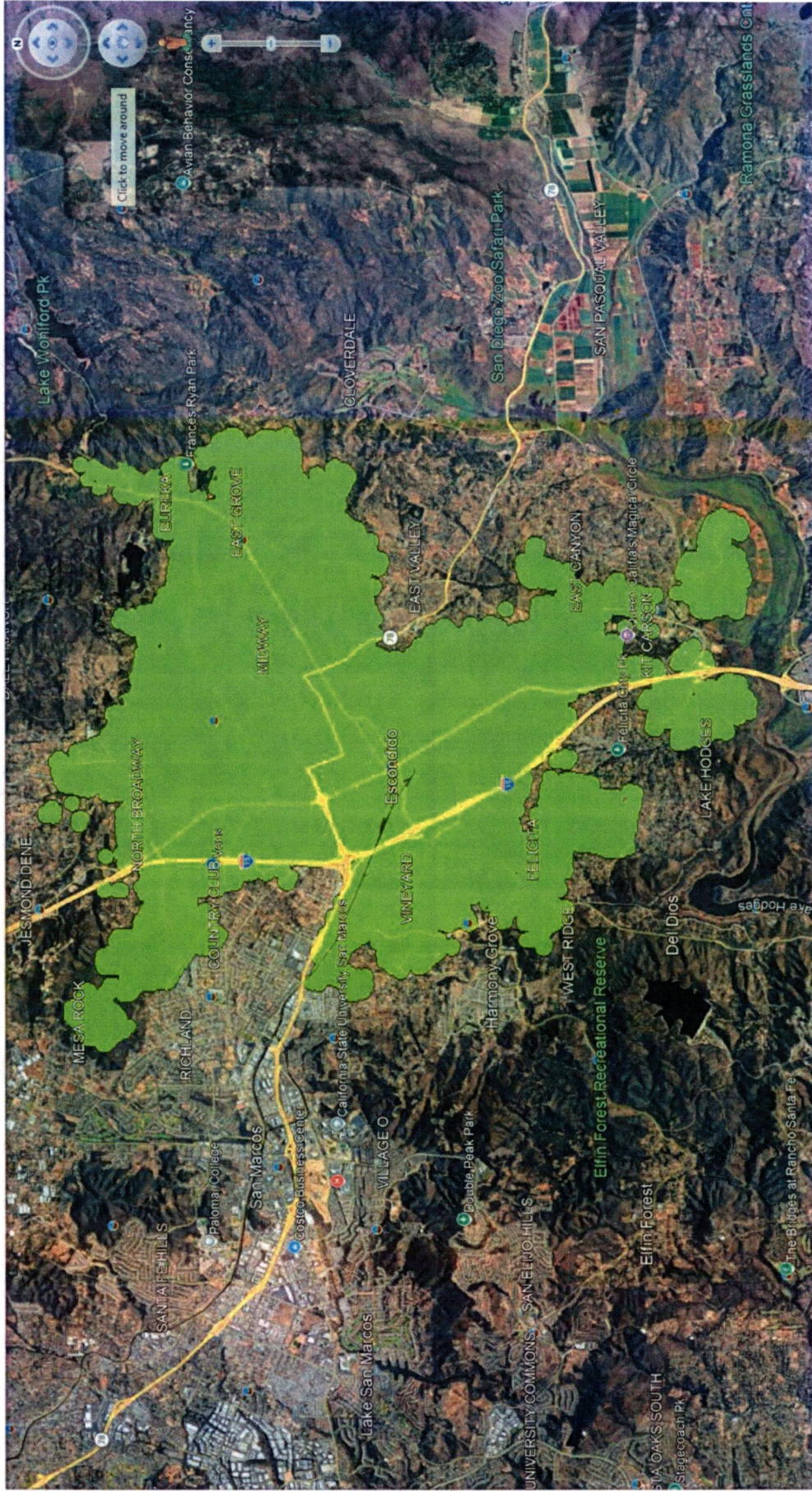
The highlighted area represents ACU Global LLC's proposed fixed interconnected VoIP service territory. Applicant-provided service-area geometry controls; the city name is a geographic reference label.

Oceanside Service Area



The highlighted area represents ACU Global LLC's proposed fixed interconnected VoIP service territory. Applicant-provided service-area geometry controls; the city name is a geographic reference label.

Escondido Service Area



The highlighted area represents ACU Global LLC's proposed fixed interconnected VoIP service territory. Applicant-provided service-area geometry controls; the city name is a geographic reference label.

Simi Valley Service Area



Appendix B - ACU Global LLC

Placentia Service Area



The highlighted area represents ACU Global LLC's proposed fixed interconnected VoIP service territory. Applicant-provided service-area geometry controls; the city name is a geographic reference label.

Fullerton Service Area



Appendix B - ACU Global LLC

EquiCore Holdings LLC

EquiCore Holdings LLC is ACU Global LLC's sole member and sole manager and is therefore an affiliated entity under the CPUC common-control definition.

Relationship to applicant	Sole member and sole manager of ACU Global LLC
Ownership/control	100% direct ownership and managerial control
Public-company status	Privately held, employee-owned holding company; not publicly traded and not an SEC reporting company
California Utility ID	None / N/A

No other entity has been identified by the applicant as being under common control with ACU Global LLC for purposes of Appendix C.

Personnel required by Section 8

The following officers, indirect owners over 10%, and persons acting in a managerial or technical capacity are identified for the applicant. Regulatory resumes follow.

Name	ACU capacity	Street address	Basis for listing
Jacob Larsen	CEO	906 S Oneida St Unit 8 Rupert, ID 83350	Officer; indirect owner over 10%
Michael Ricks	CBO	906 S Oneida St Unit 8 Rupert, ID 83350	Officer; indirect owner over 10%
Kevin Neal	CFO	906 S Oneida St Unit 8 Rupert, ID 83350	Officer
Wyatt Mickelsen	Director of Information Technology	906 S Oneida St Unit 8 Rupert, ID 83350	Technical management

Ownership note: EquiCore Holdings LLC is ACU Global LLC's sole member. Michael Ricks and Jacob Larsen are each 23% owners of EquiCore and are therefore identified as indirect owners of more than 10% of the applicant.

Chief Executive Officer - ACU Global LLC

Broadband executive with substantial experience leading internet-service-provider operations, organizational growth, customer service, and multi-market telecommunications initiatives.

Employment history

ACU Global LLC

March 2024 - Present

Chief Executive Officer

- Executive oversight of the applicant and its proposed California fixed interconnected VoIP operations.
- Strategic planning, governance, vendor coordination, and operational readiness.

Anthem-affiliated broadband operations

Prior and concurrent experience

Executive leadership / ISP management

- Leadership of rural broadband operations and market expansion.
- Oversight of customer experience, organizational growth, network investment, and community-focused service delivery.

Business address for Appendix D: 906 S Oneida St Unit 8, Rupert, ID 83350.

Chief Business Officer - ACU Global LLC

Business executive and owner with experience in telecommunications strategy, finance, corporate development, compliance coordination, and operational planning.

Employment history

ACU Global LLC

March 2024 - Present

Chief Business Officer

- Business leadership for the applicant, including regulatory filing coordination and California market preparation.
- Financial, commercial, vendor, and risk-management oversight.

Anthem-affiliated companies

Prior and concurrent experience

Owner / business executive

- Corporate strategy, financial management, business development, and organizational planning for broadband and technology businesses.
- Leadership supporting growth across multiple operating markets.

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Chief Financial Officer - ACU Global LLC

Telecommunications finance and technology leader with network architecture, IT operations, technical support, project-management, and team-leadership experience dating to 1997.

Employment history

ACU Global LLC

2025 - Present

Chief Financial Officer

- Financial oversight, budgeting, internal controls, and financial-readiness support for the applicant.
- Coordination of operational and technology investments.

Anthem Broadband

2017 - Present

Director of Information Technology / Network Architect

- Network design and operations, including resilient broadband architecture and a redundant 10-gigabit ring.
- Leadership of approximately 20 information-technology professionals and complex infrastructure projects.

Telecommunications and technology organizations

1997 - 2017

Technical support and project-management roles

- Progressively responsible technical support, systems, network, customer-support, and project-delivery work.

Business address for Appendix D: 906 S Oneida St Unit 8, Rupert, ID 83350.

Director of Information Technology - ACU Global LLC

Information-technology leader with experience in infrastructure optimization, IT operations, service reliability, technical management, and support of broadband-service organizations.

Employment history

ACU Global LLC

March 2024 - Present

Director of Information Technology

- Technical planning and IT oversight supporting the applicant's customer-facing VoIP operations.
- Vendor integration, systems reliability, security coordination, and operational support.

Anthem-affiliated companies

Prior and concurrent experience

Information-technology leadership and operations

- Infrastructure optimization, IT leadership, systems operations, and cross-functional technical support.
- Operational experience supporting broadband networks and customer-service platforms.

Business address for Appendix D: 906 S Oneida St Unit 8, Rupert, ID 83350.

Financial documentation filed separately

ACU Global LLC's supporting financial documentation is submitted separately as confidential Appendix E in accordance with the CPUC's special instructions for presumptively confidential financial information. The confidential submission demonstrates that the applicant satisfies the financial-resource requirement for a non-facilities-based Section 1013 applicant.

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OMITTED

Protected from public disclosure pursuant to Decision 24-11-003.

See separately filed Confidential Appendix E.

N/A

Not Applicable. ACU Global LLC selected TRUE in Section 10 and seeks exemption from tariffing requirements.

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

Name of Applicant/Company: ACU Global LLC

My name is Michael Ricks. I am CBO of ACU Global LLC (Applicant). My personal knowledge of the facts stated herein has been derived from my employment with ACU Global LLC.

I affirm that ACU Global LLC:

- Agrees to comply with all federal and state statutes, rules, regulations, Commission requirements as a Telephone Corporation, and state contractual rules and regulations, if granted the request stated in this application;
- Certifies that all responses to the attached 1013 Registration are true and correct; and
- Affirms and declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, including Rule 1.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and representations made in this Application are true and correct.

Michael Ricks

Signature

9/2/2026

Michael Ricks, CBO

COPY OF 1013 REGISTRATION FEE CHECK PAYMENT

Check No. 1097 - \$265.00

FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THE FACE OF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A COLORED BACKGROUND AND MICROPRINTING IN THE BORDER

ACU Global LLC dba Anthem Connect
906 S Oneida St. Suite 8
Rupert ID 83350
208-677-8000

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Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0709
31-5/1240

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08/25/2026

PAY TO THE ORDER OF California Public Utilities Commission

\$ **265.00

Two hundred sixty-five and 00/100*****

DOLLARS

California Public Utilities Commission
ATTN: CPUC ALJ Docket Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California
94102

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

MEMO

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED. DETAILS ON BACK

Michael Ricks
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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Payee: California Public Utilities Commission

Amount: \$265.00 Date: 08/25/2026 Check No.: 1097