

March 31, 2023

To the Board of Directors and Management  
Finger Lakes Regional Telecommunications Development Corp.  
70 Ontario Street  
Canandaigua, New York 14424

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the financial statements of Finger Lakes Regional Telecommunications Development Corp. (Organization) for the year ended December 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 13, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies were not changed during the year ending December 31, 2022 except for the adoption of ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)". We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were utilized in determining the fair value of the interest rate swap liability, which is based on the Swap Dealer's proprietary models and estimates relevant to future market conditions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

Note 1 discloses the details of the lease to purchase agreement that was entered into with Empire Telephone Corporation effective May 1, 2018, which was accounted for as a sales-type lease.

Note 3 discloses the details of the lease receivable, which is the Organization's largest asset on the balance sheet.

Long-term debt, which is the Organization's largest liability, is disclosed in Note 5. The related interest rate swap agreement is also disclosed in Note 5, as well as in Notes 6 and 7.

The Organization's association and transactions with the County of Ontario in the State of New York are disclosed in Notes 1 and 4.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No such misstatements were detected as a result of our audit procedures.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 31, 2023.

#### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Finger Lakes Regional Telecommunications Development Corp. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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