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Nancy Hey
Experimental Licensing Branch
Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Room 7-A322
Washington, DC 20554

Re: File No. 0005-EX-ST-2012
Request for Confidential Treatment

Dear Ms. Hey:

Google Fiber, Inc. ("Google Fiber"), pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules and the Office of Engineering and Technology's Instructions for Completing FCC Special Temporary Authority Application, respectfully requests confidential treatment in connection with Google Fiber's above-referenced Application for Special Temporary Authority ("Application").

This request is limited to the following information that has been redacted from the Application:

Manufacturer	Model number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The above information falls within Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), which provides a statutory basis for withholding from public inspection "matters that are trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

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The manufacturer name and model number constitutes confidential trade secrets, technical information, and business information [REDACTED]. Confidential treatment is warranted in this instance because the industry in which Google Fiber operates is highly competitive, and this information regarding Google Fiber's private business and operations "would customarily be guarded from competitors." *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.459(a)(4), 0.457(d)(2).

Google Fiber has not made the information subject to this request available to the public or to any third parties, does not routinely disclose such commercially sensitive information to the public or to third parties, and has established procedures to protect such information internally. Google Fiber voluntarily provides the information at this time with the expectation that it will be treated confidentially in accordance with the Commission's rules. *See Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Comm'n*, 975 F.2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (commercial information provided on a voluntary basis "is 'confidential' for the purpose of Exemption 4 if it is of a kind that would customarily not be released to the public by the person from whom it was obtained.").

Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(d)(1), Google Fiber requests notification if release of the information subject to this request is requested pursuant to the FOIA or otherwise, so that Google Fiber may have an opportunity to oppose grant of any such request.

Respectfully submitted,



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