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## VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Michael Grant Executive Director Oregon Public Utility Commission 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

## Re: Astound Broadband Notice of Pro Forma Transaction – Post-Close Notice

Dear Mr. Grant:

Stonepeak Associates IV LLC and Astound Broadband, LLC ("Astound Broadband"), a holder of telecommunications service authority in Oregon, hereby notify the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") of a non-substantial (*pro forma*) transfer of control involving certain affiliates of Stonepeak Associates IV LLC. Stonepeak Associates IV LLC indirectly controls Astound Broadband through Radiate Holdings, L.P.

On June 26, 2023, certain affiliates of Stonepeak Associates IV LLC implemented a set of transactions in connection with a minority investment in these affiliates (the "Reorganization").<sup>1</sup> The Reorganization inserted two new intermediate holding companies in the ownership structure above Stonepeak Associates IV LLC and replaced Stonepeak GP Investors Manager LLC with Stonepeak GP Investors Holdings Manager LLC The Reorganization did not change the ultimate control of Astound Broadband, which remains with Michael Dorrell through his role as the sole member of Stonepeak GP Investors Holdings Manager LLC. Because the Reorganization does not result in a change in the actual controlling party of Astound Broadband, it is a non-substantial or *pro forma* transfer of control. The investors in the two new intermediate holding companies in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Press Release, Stonepeak Announces Minority Investment from Blue Owl's GP Strategic Capital Platform (July 11, 2023), <u>https://stonepeak.com/press-</u> releases/stonepeak-announces-minority-investment-from-blue-owls-gp-strategic-capitalplatform.

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the Reorganization do not hold a 10-percent-or-greater equity or voting interest in Astound Broadband, and the current ultimate control of Astound Broadband remains unchanged. The Reorganization will not result in an interruption or disruption of service and will not affect the uninterrupted and safe operation of facilities, and is therefore consistent with the public interest. The Reorganization will ensure that Astound Broadband remains a robust and innovative competitor, capable of providing Oregon consumers with world-class voice, broadband Internet, and business data services, spurring its competitors to improve their own offerings. The Parties respectfully request that the Commission note the transaction for its records.

For the purposes of this Notice, questions or any correspondence, orders, or other materials should be directed to the following contacts:

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Respectfully submitted,

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