GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Services Commission

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ORDER

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation d/b/a Viya (hereinafter "VITELCO" or "Viya") filed a combined request with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, "PSC" or the "Commission") for recertification of Universal Service Fund (hereinafter, "USF") eligibility pursuant to section 54.314 (a) of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") rules on behalf of Vitelcom Cellular and Choice Communications, LLC (hereinafter "Vitelcom/Choice"); and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2022, the Commission conducted preliminary discussions with the parties regarding the USF recertification; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Commission received the Report and Recommendations from its Technical Consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group (hereinafter "GCG"); and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2022, the Commission met in Regular Session at its office on St. Thomas, USVI located at No. 1003 Estate Ross, Suite 4 and via its Zoom videoconference link; and

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WHEREAS, after review and deliberation, the Commission voted to GRANT Vitelcom/ Choice USF Recertification as a ETC designation and ADOPT the Report and Recommendations of the Commission's technical consultants; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission finds and **ORDERS** that Vitelcom/ Choice **RECERTIFICATION** as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the United States Virgin Islands is **GRANTED.**

So Ordered.

For the Commission,

Date: October 26, 2022

Nunc Pro Tunc David W. Hughes, Chairman