GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Services Commission

IN RE

TELRITE CORPORATION D/B/A LIFE WIRELESS
PETITION FOR LIFELINE ONLY ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION
IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Docket No. 623
Order No. 39/2014

ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2013, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter “the Commission” or “PSC”) received an application from Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless (hereinafter “Telrite”) requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (hereinafter “ETC”) in the United States Virgin Islands for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service to qualified households; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2013, in Order 25/2014 the Commission voted to SUSPEND Telrite’s Petition pending Telrite’s action in response to the Federal Communication Commission’s (hereinafter “FCC”) Notice of Liability; and

WHEREAS, Order No. 25/2014 ORDERED Telrite to file a report with the PSC no later than March 19, 2014, and if Telrite determines not to appeal, Telrite should file a copy of the payment receipt with a statement detailing the financial arrangements; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2014, the Commission received a Motion to File Confidential Documents Underseal from Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless (hereinafter “Telrite”), requesting an Order allowing Telrite to file an un-redacted version of a document containing trade secrets relevant to its Petition for a Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, currently before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2014, Telrite filed its Notice of Apparent Liability Response Letter and Formal Response; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2014, the Commission met in regular session at its both offices on St. Croix and St. Thomas and voted to continue this matter until a later date; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2014, the Commission received the Report and Recommendations from its Technical Consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group; and
WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014, the Commission met in regular session at its both offices on St. Croix and St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, after review and deliberation, the Commission voted to GRANT Telrite ETC designation and further, Telrite should file it 2013 audit report with the Commission no later than August 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Telrite withdrew its Motion to File Confidential Documents under seal; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission finds and ORDERS that:

1. Telrite’s Petition for Lifeline Only Eligibility Telecommunications Carrier in the United States Virgin Islands is GRANTED.

2. Telrite’s Motion to File Confidential Documents under seal is WITHDRAWN.

3. Telrite should file its 2013 audit report with the Commission no later than August 1, 2014.

So Ordered.

For the Commission

Date: July 3/1, 2014

M. Thomas Jackson, Chairman