GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE
UNITED STATES

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE

APPLICATION OF TERRACOM, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ON A
WIRELESS BASIS (LOW INCOME ONLY)

Docket No. 598
Order No. 2/2016

ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2012, TerraCom, Inc. (hereinafter “TerraCom”) filed an
Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (hereinafter “ETC”)
with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, “PSC” or the “Commission”)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2012, TerraCom’s application was granted by operation of
law, pursuant to 30 V.I.C. § 45(a)(e); and

WHEREAS, on February 6 2012, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) issued
changes to its Rules and Regulations governing the ETC designation process; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2012, the Commission’s Technical Consultant for
Telecommunications Georgetown Consulting Group (hereinafter “GCG”) prepared a written
report on TerraCom’s ETC application under the newly issued guidelines of the FCC; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2012, the Commission met in regular session at the Port
Authority Conference Room located at the Henry Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix, United States
Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation, the Commission voted to adopt the Technical
Consultants recommendations regarding TerraCom’s application; and

WHEREAS, the Commission found that TerraCom’s application had already been
granted by operation of law and that its application conformed to the new federal guidelines, the
ETC designation shall be made retroactive to March 6, 2012; and
WHEREAS, TerraCom’s ETC application was granted to March 6, 2012.

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2015, the Commission’s Executive Director, Donald G. Cole, sent notice to Dale Schmick, Vice President of TerraCom, seeking an update of TerraCom’s current status and plans; and

WHEREAS, TerraCom failed to submit an update to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2015, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard testimony and recommendations from its technical consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group, Inc. (hereinafter “GCG”); and

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted to accept GCG’s recommendations and rescind TerraCom’s ETC designation; and

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby RESCIINDS TerraCom’s ETC designation.

So Ordered.

For the Commission

Date: June 28, 2016

Andrew Rutnik, Vice-Chair