

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE
UNITED STATES**

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE)	Docket No. 598
)	Order No. 2/2016
APPLICATION OF TERRACOM, INC. FOR)	
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ON A)	
WIRELESS BASIS (LOW INCOME ONLY))	
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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

NOWHERE the Commission hereby **RESCINDS** TerraCom’s ETC designation.

So Ordered.

For the Commission



Date: **June 28, 2016**

Andrew Rutnik, Vice-Chair