

WHEREAS, a telecommunications carrier that has been designated as an ETC is eligible to receive federal universal service support under Section 254 of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Federal Act”). Under Section 214(e)(2) of the Federal Act, a state commission, such as the V.I. PSC, is responsible for designating a telecommunications carrier as an ETC within such state in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Act; and

WHEREAS, Title 30 of the V.I. Code specifically grants the V.I. PSC jurisdiction over ETC Petitions; and

WHEREAS, Title 30 of the Virgin Islands Code requires the Commission to act within 60 days after receipt of a completed application; and

WHEREAS, the continued availability of Lifeline services to customers who had been served by Choice is in the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission FINDS and ORDERS:

A. the continued availability of Lifeline services to customers who had been served by Choice is in the public interest; and

B. the Commission adopts the report of the Staff (Georgetown Consulting Group) and its recommendations, as follows:

- (1) Vitelcom must comply with any FCC or V.I. PSC requirements concerning E911 service when implemented in the U.S.V.I.
- (2) Vitelcom must file a copy of any updates to its federal compliance plan as required under the new FCC *Lifeline Reform Order*.
- (3) Vitelcom must provide to the PSC copies of the annual reports filed with the FCC and USAC pursuant to Section 54.416.
- (4) Coincident with the filing of the annual reports referenced in Recommendation 3, Vitelcom must provide to the PSC a report of the total number of Lifeline subscribers served as of December 31 of each year starting December 31, 2017.
- (5) Vitelcom must promptly submit to the V.I. PSC any additional information or reports that that V.I. PSC may reasonably request from time to time.
- (6) Vitelcom must comply with the record retention requirements contained in Title 30 §47(d),

So Ordered.

Petition Of Vitelcom Cellular, Inc. For Designation As An
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier – Lifeline Only
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For the Commission


Andrew Rutnik, Chair