

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:) Docket No. 556
) Order No. 59/2018
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION'S)
PETITION FOR RECERTIFICATION)
OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND)
)

ORDER

WHEREAS, on Tuesday September 25, 2018, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation d/b/a Viya (hereinafter "VITELCO" or "Viya") filed a request with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, "PSC" or the "Commission") for recertification of its Universal Service Fund (hereinafter, "USF") eligibility pursuant to section 54.314 (a) of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") rules; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2018, the Commission received a report and analysis from its technical consultants, Georgetown Consulting Group, Inc. (hereinafter "GCG") recommending the approval of VITELCO's USF recertification; and

WHEREAS, on GCG recommended that the Commission order VITELCO to file an updated Five-Year Plan on the assumption that USF funding at approximately the same level as before the hurricanes will be available for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2018, the Commission met in regular session at its office located at No. 1003 Estate Ross Suite 4 (Barbel Plaza), St. Thomas United States Virgin Islands and at the Virgin Islands Board of Education's office on the island of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the PSC received testimony from Viya and GCG; and

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted to adopt the Technical Consultants' report and recommendations and recertify VITELCO's USF eligibility in the United States Virgin Islands; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Technical Consultants' report is adopted.

2. By December 1, 2018, VITELCO file an updated Five-Year Plan on the assumption that USF funding at approximately the same level as before the hurricanes will be available for the next five years.
3. VITELCO's request for recertification of its Universal Service Fund eligibility in the United States Virgin Islands is **APPROVED**.

So Ordered.

For the Commission,



Raymond J. Williams, Chair

Date: **October 18, 2018**