GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OF THE UNITED STATES  

Public Services Commission  

IN RE:  

APPLICATION OF CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (Docket 589)  

And  

APPLICATION OF VITELCOM CELLULAR, INC. D/B/A VIYA WIRELESS FOR MODIFICATION OF ITS DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONNECT USVI FUND (Docket 664)  

ORDER  

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2020, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation d/b/a Viya (hereinafter “VITELCO” or “Viya”) filed a combined request with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, “PSC” or the “Commission”) for recertification of Universal Service Fund (hereinafter, “USF”) eligibility pursuant to section 54.314 (a) of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter “FCC”) rules on behalf of Vitelcom Cellular and Choice Communications, LLC (hereinafter “Vitelcom/Choice”); and  

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020, the Commission received the Report and Recommendations from its Technical Consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group (hereinafter “GCG”); and  

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020, the Commission met in regular session at its office on St. Thomas, USVI located at No. 1003 Estate Ross, Suite 4 and via its Zoom videoconference link; and  

WHEREAS, after review and deliberation, the Commission voted to GRANT Vitelcom/Choice USF Recertification as a ETC designation subject to the following recommendations
included in the GCG report and ADOPT the Report and Recommendations of the Commission’s technical consultants; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission finds and ORDERS that Vitelcom/Choice RECERTIFICATION as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the United States Virgin Islands is GRANTED on the following findings, terms and conditions:

1. Viya must provide a plan within 30 days after Stage 2 funds are released detailing the specific projects required to achieve 4G and 5G meeting FCC standards. This plan should include a description of how and where Viya intends to further harden, upgrade or expand its network and a timeline for the project.

2. Viya must provide to the PSC a copy of the annual FCC Form 477 and other annual documentation as required by Section 54.1514 of the FCC’s rules. This information should be filed with the PSC at the same time it is filed with the FCC.

So Ordered.

For the Commission,

Date: September 30, 2020

Nunc Pro Tunc

David Hughes, Chair