

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

Public Services Commission

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS,)	Docket Nos. 589 & 664
LLC FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	Order No. <u>29/2021</u>
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 30, 2021, 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 15, 2021, the Commission received the Report and Recommendations from its Technical Consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group (hereinafter “GCG”); and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, the Commission met in Special 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, no later than December 31, 2021, detailing the specific projects required to achieve 4G and 5G meeting the 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 29, 2021**



Raymond J. Williams, Vice-Chair