

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

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION**

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

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Andrew Rutnik, Vice-Chair