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Re: Petition of Starlink Services, LLC for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Rural
Digital Opportunities Fund Support

On August 26, 2021, the Commission entered an Order in the above-captioned docket, by which it provisionally granted Starlink Services, LLC's (Starlink Services) Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania due to its inability to submit evidence of an executed contractual agreement with a managed service provider (MSP) or other third-party voice platform that will provide it with the capability to offer voice grade access to the Public Switched Telecommunications Network (PSTN) for its voice telecommunications service customers in Pennsylvania. This criterion must be satisfied by a common carrier seeking an ETC designation under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) and (2). Accordingly, we directed Starlink Services to file such evidence within 90 days of the entry of the *August 26, 2021, Order*.

On September 10, 2021, Starlink Services filed a Petition for Reconsideration which requested, *inter alia*, that the Commission remove the 90-day requirement for filing evidence of an executed contractual agreement with an MSP or other third-party voice platform to offer voice grade access to the PSTN. The Commission entered a Notational Vote on September 27, 2021, granting reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. Rule 1701(b)(3) pending review of and consideration on the merits of Starlink Services' Petition for Reconsideration.

After considering the merits of Starlink Services' Petition for Reconsideration, the Commission granted it on October 28, 2021. Specifically, in this *October 28, 2021, Order*, the Commission reconsidered the aforementioned 90-day requirement for Starlink Services to submit evidence of an executed contractual agreement with an MSP or other third-party voice platform that will provide it with the capability to offer voice grade access to the PSTN for its voice telecommunications service customers in Pennsylvania. Additionally, the Commission's *October 28, 2021, Order* directed Starlink Services that

starting on November 24, 2021 and every 90 days thereafter to file status reports providing a detailed progress report on whether Starlink Services' network is capable of self-provisioning access to the PSTN for its qualifying voice telecommunications service or securing a third-party MSP or report it has been authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to receive awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) high-cost support in any jurisdiction where it submitted a winning bid. Starlink Services' obligation to file these status reports would cease only when Starlink Services provided proof to the Commission that its qualifying voice telecommunications service is capable of accessing the PSTN or that it has been authorized by the FCC to receive its awarded RDOF support in any jurisdiction where it submitted a winning bid, whichever occurs first.

On January 6, 2022, Starlink Services filed evidence it has executed a contractual agreement with a third-party MSP that will enable it to offer voice grade access to the PSTN to its customers in Pennsylvania. Starlink Services' January 6th confidential filing indicates that Starlink Services now has the capability to offer standalone voice service since it has a firm arrangement in place with a third-party MSP that will facilitate providing access of Starlink Services' standalone voice service to the PSTN. Thus, with this filing, Starlink Services has satisfied all criterion necessary for a common carrier to obtain from the Commission an ETC designation under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) and (2) and accordingly its Petition for Designation as an ETC in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is granted, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the *August 26, 2021, Order*.

Very truly yours,


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