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Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

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| Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval to Offer, Render, Furnish or Supply Telecommunications Services to the Public as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Service Territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company | A-2024-3050810 |
| Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval to Offer, Render, Furnish or Supply Telecommunications Services to the Public as a Competitive Access Provider in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania | A-2024-3050811 |
| Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval to Offer, Render, Furnish or Supply Telecommunications Services to the Public as a Facilities-Based Interexchange Carrier in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania | A-2024-3050813 |

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 21, 2024, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC (“Applicant” or “Astound”) filed an Application seeking Certificates of Public Convenience under our orders issued pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq.*, (TA-96)¹ and to Chapter 11 of the Public Utility Code (Code) (66 Pa. C.S. §§ 1101 *et seq.*) evidencing authority to provide the following telecommunication services to the public:

- (1) As a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) in the Service Territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
- (2) As a Competitive Access Provider (CAP) throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
- (3) As a detariffed Facilities-Based Interexchange Carrier (IXC-FB)² throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and
- (4) As a detariffed Interexchange Carrier Reseller (IXC-R) throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

¹ In light of the policy objectives of TA-96, market entry requirements for telecommunication service providers are set out in *In Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Docket No. M-00960799 (Order entered June 3, 1996; Order on Reconsideration entered September 9, 1996) (*TA-96 Implementation Orders*).

² Section 3018(b)(2) of the code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 3018(b)(2) gives IXCs the option to: (1) file and maintain tariffs with the Commission, (2) file and maintain price lists with the Commission, or (3) detariff. Further, our regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 63.104 outlines the disclosure requirements for filing and maintaining tariffs or operating as a detariffed IXC. The Applicant has elected to operate as a detariffed IXC-FB and IXC-R, subject to Pennsylvania state contract and consumer protection laws.

The Applicant was granted provisional authority pursuant to our Secretarial Letter of October 29, 2024, to provide the proposed CAP, IXC-FB, IXC-R and CLEC services in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon North LLC pursuant to its proposed tariffs during the pendency of the application process. As required by 52 Pa. Code § 5.14, the Application also was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*³. The Applicant was granted a waiver concerning publishing notice of its Application in newspapers of general circulation. The protest period for this Application expired November 25, 2024. The assigned utility code is 3127365.

The Applicant complied with notice requirements set forth in our *TA-96 Implementation Orders* by serving a copy of its Application upon the aforementioned incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and the Office of Attorney General. As required by 52 Pa. Code § 5.14, notice of the Application also was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.⁴ The protest period for this Application expired November 25, 2024. No protests or petitions to intervene were filed and no hearings were held.

Information concerning the Applicant is as follows:

- The Applicant is incorporated in Delaware with its principal place of business at 650 College Road East, Suite 3100, Princeton, NJ 08540, telephone (609) 681-2184, facsimile (703) 434-8184.
- The Applicant complied with Pennsylvania law relating to a foreign limited liability company.
- The Applicant's registered office provider within Pennsylvania is CT Corporation Systems, 600 N 2nd Street, Suite 401, Harrisburg, PA 17101.
- The Applicant's Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency contacts are Tyrone Cokley, Senior Director of Technical Operations and Ron David, Pennsylvania Senior Operations

³ See 52 Pa. B. 7454 (November 9, 2024).

⁴ See 53 Pa. B. 8205 (December 30, 2023).

Manager, at 2124 Ave C, Bethlehem, PA 18017, telephone (484) 554-3304, (610) 476-4262, facsimile (610) 419-2470.

- Correspondence to resolve complaints may be directed to Trudy M. Longnecker, Senior Manager of Tariff & Compliance, at P.O. Box 578459, Chicago IL 69657 telephone (312) 955-4678, facsimile (703) 434-8184.
- The Applicant will not be using a fictitious name.
- The Applicant is not operating as a public utility in other states.
- The Applicant is not presently operating in Pennsylvania as a public utility.
- The Applicant has many affiliates doing business in Pennsylvania or predecessors which have done business in Pennsylvania.⁵
- The Applicant has many affiliates rendering or predecessors which rendered public utility service outside Pennsylvania.⁶

The Applicant understands that if it plans to cease doing business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is under a duty to request authority from the Commission for permission prior to ceasing such operations.

According to its Application, Astound intends to provide a selection of facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services, including bundled service packages with local and long-distance calling, standard features such as voicemail and caller ID, and access to a menu of optional features that may be ordered a la carte or in bundled packages. Local service customers may order a single Primary Line or add Additional Lines as desired and will have access to 9-1-1 emergency services and relay services as well as directory assistance and listings. In addition, the Company also intends to offer competitive access services to business customers, including private line and bandwidth transmission services. Primarily, Astound's services will be offered to residential and small

⁵ Application p. 4-6.

⁶ Application p. 6-7.

business customers; however, where feasible opportunities arise, the Applicant may offer underlying wholesale services to other carriers and develop tailored communications packages, including regulated intrastate voice and data services, for sale to enterprise customers.

Issues affecting CLECs have been addressed in a number of Commission proceedings.⁷ A CLEC applicant is expected to adhere to the requirements relative to universal service programs, as initially set forth or as subsequently enlarged or modified.⁸ Also, per federal rules, CLECs are required to ensure the efficient usage of their numbering resources and are required to semi-annually report their utilization and forecast data to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 52.5 *et seq.* Any CLEC failing to comply with state and/or federal orders related to numbering may be subject to the reclamation of their numbering resources as well as fines pursuant to the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301. *See Implementation of Numbering Conservation Measures Granted to Pennsylvania by the Federal Communications Commission in its Order released March 31, 2000 – NXX Code Reclamation*, Docket No. M-00001373 (Order entered August 22, 2000), 30 *Pa. B.* 4701 (Commission established process for reclaiming NXX codes from carriers that have failed to activate them within six months of their availability for assignment to customers).

Further, Section 253(b) of TA-96 permits a state Commission to impose on a competitively neutral basis and consistent with universal service provisions, requirements necessary to preserve and advance universal service, protect the public safety and welfare, ensure the continued quality of telecommunications services, and safeguard the rights of consumers. In response, we articulated explicit concerns relative to an applicant's financial fitness, tariff compliance, and rates.⁹ In this case, the Applicant has provided financial information to support

⁷ *See, e.g., MFS Intelenet et al.* Docket Nos. A-310203F0002 *et al.*, (Orders entered October 4, 1995; July 31, 1996; and August 7, 1997); *Pa. PUC v. Bell*, Docket No. R-00963578 (Order entered February 6, 1997); *Pa. PUC v. GTE*, Docket No. R-00963666 (Order entered May 9, 2002); *Joint Petition of Nextlink Pennsylvania, Inc. et al.*, Docket Nos. P-00991648 and P-00991649 (Order entered September 30, 1999), *aff'd sub nom. Bell Atlantic-Pennsylvania, Inc. v. Pa. PUC*, 763 A.2d 440 (Pa. Cmwlth 2000), *vacated in part sub nom. MCI Worldcom Inc. v. Pa. PUC*, 844 A.2d 1239 (Pa. 2004) (state court lacked jurisdiction to review unbundled network elements) (*Global Order*); as well as other proceedings.

⁸ *See Universal Service Investigation*, Docket No. I-00940035 (Order entered January 28, 1997).

⁹ *See Application of Blue Ribbon Rentals II, Inc., d/b/a Talk One America, for Authority to Begin to Offer, Render, Furnish, or Supply Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunication Services to the Public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*, Docket No. A-310442 (Orders entered April 25 and August 4, 1997).

its Application. We conclude that the Applicant has demonstrated that it is financially capable of providing telecommunications services as a CLEC, an IXC-R, IXC-FB, and a CAP.

Applicants are also required to be technically and managerially capable of providing public utility service. In the notarized affidavit in the Application, the Applicant swears and affirms its ability and commitment to providing the proposed services in full compliance with all provisions of Pennsylvania and federal law. Additionally, we again note that no entities contested the fitness of the Applicant. We therefore conclude that the Applicant has sufficiently demonstrated that it possesses the requisite technical and managerial fitness elements to provide the proposed services.

The Commission requires that applicants seeking to provide local telecommunications services in Pennsylvania take steps to protect the public safety of consumers. One means of ensuring the public safety of consumers in the increasingly competitive telecommunications marketplace is to ensure that new entrants provide their consumers with access to a seamless communications infrastructure for emergency services, such as 911. Therefore, in accordance with the notarized affidavit (item #22 in the Application), the Applicant avers that it has contacted by certified letter each county or municipal authority where it intends to provide CLEC telecommunications services and made the necessary arrangements for the provisioning of emergency 911 service.

We conclude that the Applicant has met the requirements for certification as a CLEC, a CAP, a detariffed IXC-FB, and as a detariffed IXC-R, consistent with this Order. Premised upon our review of the Application and the proposed tariffs, and consistent with our Orders, the Code, our regulations and TA-96, we conclude that the Applicant's proposed services do not raise concerns at this time regarding safety, adequacy, reliability, or privacy. We note, however, deficiencies in the proposed tariffs.

We shall direct the Applicant to revise the proposed tariffs in accordance with the changes noted in Appendix A of this Order.¹⁰ The Applicant shall thereafter file its Initial Tariffs reflecting the requested changes on or before sixty days from the date of entry of this

¹⁰ Regardless of the review process, any tariff provision(s) inconsistent with the provisions of the Code, TA-96, our regulations, or Orders will be deemed inoperative and superseded.

Order. The Applicant may file its Initial Tariffs electronically, consistent with Commission rules.¹¹ Copies of the Initial Tariffs shall also be served upon the same entities receiving service of the original Application, including the incumbent local exchange carriers. If the time required for such resolution and filing exceeds sixty days, the Applicant may request an extension of an additional sixty days with the Commission's Secretary. Thus, if the Initial Tariffs are not filed within sixty days (120 days including the extension) of the entry of this Order, the Application will be dismissed and the authority granted herein will be revoked without further Commission Order.

We note that the Commission will only approve tariff provisions regarding limitation of liability consistent with law. Any tariff provisions contained in the Initial Tariffs regarding limitation of liability inconsistent with any applicable laws, rules and regulations will be deemed inoperative and superseded.

To the extent that the proposed tariffs contain rates, the Initial Tariffs may become effective on one day's notice from the date upon which they are filed and served.

In addition, we note that no switched access tariff accompanied the Application. Therefore, the Applicant is not permitted to apply access charges, e.g., originating and terminating access billed to an interexchange carrier.

Carriers are required to provide telecommunications service to customers in Pennsylvania within one year of certification.¹²

In accordance with the affidavit that accompanied the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience, the Applicant has agreed to abide by all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and by the decisions of the Commission. We remind the Applicant that, in accordance with our *TA-96 Implementation Orders*, a public utility that seeks Commission certification or that is certificated in Pennsylvania to provide telecommunications service, as

¹¹ See *Final Rulemaking to Permit Electronic Filing*, Docket No. L-00070187 (Order entered May 23, 2008).

¹² For complete details regarding this requirement, including consequences for non-compliance, see *Final Order Regarding the Commission's Plan to Implement a One-Year Timeframe for Inactive Telecommunication Carriers to Provide Service on an Annual Basis within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*, Docket No. M-2011-2273119 (Order entered July 19, 2012).

defined by state and federal law, must provide the service in full compliance with all applicable provisions of Pennsylvania and federal law. This includes compliance with Section 1511 of Pennsylvania's Business Corporation Law, 15 Pa. C.S. § 1511,¹³ when siting facilities/equipment in public rights-of-way. Failure to comply with applicable law may result in fines being imposed against a public utility or in the suspension or revocation of the utility's Certificate of Public Convenience, consistent with due process.

We remind the Applicant that certificated public utilities in Pennsylvania are required to file with the Commission an accurate annual financial report and an accurate separate statement of gross intrastate (wholesale and retail) revenues for fiscal assessment purposes, as received from operations conducted pursuant to the authority granted by the Commission's certification order.¹⁴ This requirement includes filing an accurate and separate statement of gross intrastate revenues from jurisdictional CAP services offered in Pennsylvania. We note that the Applicant's business plan in Pennsylvania includes serving customers as an unregulated ISP while also serving customers as a regulated CAP. Therefore, to the extent the Applicant provides both jurisdictional CAP and non-jurisdictional ISP services in Pennsylvania, the Applicant is required to accurately and separately account for and report to the Commission its jurisdictional revenues related to the CAP portion of its business. Additional reporting of intrastate retail revenues is also required for the purpose of Pennsylvania Universal Service Fund contribution assessments. Failure to comply with applicable reporting requirements may result in billing for back payments due and the imposition of fines and/or other lawful remedies, including revocation of certification, consistent with due process.

¹³ 15 Pa. C.S. § 1511(e) provides as follows: "A public utility corporation shall have the right to enter upon and occupy streets, highways, waters and other public ways and places for one or more of the principal purposes specified in subsection (a) and ancillary purposes reasonably necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of the principal purposes, including the placement, maintenance and removal of aerial, surface and subsurface public utility facilities thereon or therein. Before entering upon any street, highway or other public way, the public utility corporation shall obtain such permits as may be required by law and shall comply with the lawful and reasonable regulations of the governmental authority having responsibility for the maintenance thereof."

¹⁴ See 66 Pa. C.S. § 510(b); *see also* 52 Pa. Code §§ 63.31 *et seq.* We note that flexibility for the Applicant's system of accounts is provided by our own annual reporting regulations for competitive local exchange carriers that the Applicant may also utilize. *See generally* 52 Pa. Code §§ 63.31(3) and 63.32(c).

Conclusion

Accordingly, consistent with the aforementioned statutory criteria in the Code and also with our Orders, our regulations, and TA-96, we shall grant the Application and issue Certificates of Public Convenience to provide IXC-FB services and IXCR services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Upon the approval of the Initial Tariffs, Certificates of Public Convenience shall be issued evidencing the Applicant's authority to provide services as a CAP throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as a CLEC in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company, as described in the Application and as consistent with this Order, our decisions cited herein, and such other proceedings;

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC at Docket No. A-2024-3050810, for authority to operate as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania within the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company is granted, consistent with this Order.

2. That the Application of Pennsylvania Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC at Docket No. A-2024-3050811, for authority to operate as a Competitive Access Provider throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is granted, consistent with this Order.

3. That the Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC at Docket No. A-2024-3050813, for authority to operate as a detariffed Facilities-based Interexchange Carrier throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is granted, consistent with this Order, and that a Certificate of Public Convenience be issued evidencing such approval.

4. That the Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC at Docket No. A-2024-3050814, for authority to operate as a detariffed Interexchange Carrier Reseller throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is granted, consistent with this Order, and that a Certificate of Public Convenience be issued evidencing such approval.

5. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall either eFile or submit an original copy of its Initial Tariffs consistent with the requisite changes noted in Appendix A of this Order within sixty (60) days (120 days including an approved extension) after the date of entry of this Order. **Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC is directed to identify any changes made to the proposed Initial Tariffs that are in addition to the changes noted in Appendix A.** Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall serve copies of its Initial Tariffs on each entity receiving a copy of the original Application. The Initial Tariffs may become effective on or after one (1) days' notice from the date upon which they are filed and served.

6. That an Initial Tariff shall be labeled on its face according to the respective authority: "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Tariff" and "Competitive Access Provider Tariff."

7. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall comply with all the provisions of the Public Utility Code, as now exist or as may be hereafter amended, and with all pertinent rules, regulations, and Orders of this Commission, now in effect or as may be prescribed by this Commission, including those identified in this Order.

8. That if Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC expand its local service into new counties in its currently authorized area of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone

Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall contact the appropriate 911 coordinators, complete appropriate documents for 911 service for each, and provide the service list to said 911 coordinators with its tariff revisions as verification that arrangements are underway for the provisioning of emergency 911 service in the additional exchanges.

9. That if Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC should desire to expand its service territory to that of additional incumbent local exchange carriers, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall file an Application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and comply with all the requirements of the Application, including the completion of the affidavit and requirements thereto concerning Emergency 911 service.

10. That the authority granted herein, to the extent that it duplicates authority now held by or subsequently granted to Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC, shall not be construed as conferring more than one operating right to Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC.

11. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall maintain accurate accounting records that properly classify and segment its Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, Interexchange Carrier Reseller, Interexchange Carrier Facilities-Based and Competitive Access Provider revenues from its operations within the Commonwealth and file with the Commission an accurate annual financial report and an accurate separate statement of all gross intrastate (wholesale and retail) revenues for fiscal assessment purposes.

12. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall maintain accurate accounting records that properly classify and segment its gross retail intrastate revenues for purposes of the Pennsylvania Universal Service Fund contribution assessment report.

13. That in accordance with Commission Orders entered on October 5, 2005, at Docket No. M00041857 and on August 21, 2006, at Docket No. L-00050176, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall follow the reporting requirements outlined at the following website: http://www.puc.pa.gov/telecom/docs/Reporting_Requirements.docx.

14. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall file such affiliated interest agreements as may be necessary relative to any transactions with affiliates within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order.

15. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall make 711 abbreviated dialing available to access Telecommunications Relay Service and to arrange its switching equipment to translate these calls to the assigned toll-free number, (888) 895-1197, in order to route calls to the Telecommunications Relay Service Provider, in accordance with the Commission's Order entered on February 4, 2000, at Docket No. M-00900239.

16. That in the event that Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC has not, on or before sixty (60) days (120 days including an approved extension) from the date of entry of this Order, complied with the requirements set forth herein, the Application at Docket Nos. A-2024-3050810 and A-2024-3050811 shall be dismissed and the authority granted herein revoked without further Commission Order.

17. That upon the approval of the Initial Tariffs, Certificates of Public Convenience shall be issued authorizing Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC to furnish services as a Competitive Access Provider throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier within the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/Deposit Telephone Company, consistent with this Order.

18. That changes and/or additions made to an approved, filed tariff shall be made in the form of supplements, consecutively numbered in the order of their filing dates, and the tariff designation shall be in the following manner: Supplement No. ___ to Tariff Telephone Pa. P.U.C. No. ___.

19. That Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall add its Pennsylvania tariffs to its website within thirty (30) days of the filing of its Initial Tariffs and mark them “Pending.” Within thirty (30) days of receipt of its Certificate of Public Convenience, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall make any required modifications to the tariffs on its website and remove the “Pending” notation. Thereafter, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC will continually update the website whenever any supplemental revisions to the tariffs are approved by the Commission such that the website tariff is a true and accurate representation of its tariff on file with the Commission.

20. That within thirty (30) days of receipt of its Certificate of Public Convenience, Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC shall contact Cyndi Page ((717) 787-5722; cypage@pa.gov) of the Commission’s Office of Communications to create a link from the Commission’s website to Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC’s website.

21. That if Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC plans to cease doing business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it shall request authority from the Commission for permission prior to ceasing.

22. That a copy of this Order be served on the Bureau of Registration and Taxpayer Management in the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Bureau of 9-1-1 Programs.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 24, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: July 24, 2025

Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC

Docket Nos. A-2024-3050810, A-2024-3050811, A-2024-3050813, A-2024-3050814
Proposed tariffs for Competitive Local Exchange Carrier and Competitive Access Provider
Services

The proposed tariffs contain certain deficiencies that must be addressed by the Applicant before the tariffs can be approved and the Certificates of Public Convenience issued. **The Applicant must submit a copy of this Appendix with its revised compliance tariffs. On that copy, please note the page/sheet of the compliance tariffs where the required revision is located for each item below.**

Tariff deficiencies noted – CLEC Local Tariff (A-2024-3050810), Tariff No. 1

1. Correct the Title to read:

COMPANY NAME
COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER
Regulations and Schedule of Charges

2. All Pages: Enter issued and effective dates as per ordering paragraph.
3. All Pages: Header and body should read as “Competitive Local Exchange Carrier”.
4. Original Pages 8-10 Definitions: Only include definitions of terms used in the tariff. Either remove the following or provide a reference for Commission staff as to where in this tariff these terms are used: “Exchange Telephone Company”, “Hearing Impaired”, “IXC or Interexchange Carrier”, “Tandem”.
5. Original Page 12 Section 2.1.3: Remove subsection 4 regarding recovery of legal fees.
6. Original Pages 14-19 Section 2.1.4: The limitations of liability tariff provisions should be generally consistent with the Commission’s relevant Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 69.87 and the Commission Order under Docket No. M-00981209.
7. Original Page 15 Section 2.1.4: Remove all language concerning “Acts of God”.
8. Original Pages 37-38 Section 2.5.5: The limitations of liability tariff provisions should be generally consistent with the Commission’s relevant Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 69.87 and the Commission Order under Docket No. M-00981209.
9. Original Page 44 Section 2.8: The limitations of liability tariff provisions should be generally consistent with the Commission’s relevant Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 69.87 and the Commission Order under Docket No. M-00981209.

10. Original Pages 49-106: Remove ALL company names from the service areas listed in the tariff. No company names should be in those sections, just the calling areas.
11. All Pages: Change Frontier Communications – Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC to read Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company.

Tariff deficiencies noted – CAP (A-2024-3050811) Tariff No. 4

1. Correct the Title to read:

COMPANY NAME
COMPETITIVE ACCESS PROVIDER
Regulations and Schedule of Charges

2. All Pages: Enter issued and effective dates as per ordering paragraph.
3. All Pages: Header and body should read as “Competitive Access Provider”.
4. All Pages: Header should say “Tariff Telephone - Pa. P.U.C. No. 4”.
5. Original Pages 7-8 Definitions: Only include definitions of terms used in the tariff. Either remove the following or provide a reference for Commission staff as to where in this tariff these terms are used: “IXC or Interexchange Carrier”, “Numbering Plan Area (NPA)”.
6. Original Page 9 Section 2.2.1: Change “intrastate private line telecommunications services” to “competitive access provider services”.
7. Original Page 12 Section 2.4.5: The limitations of liability tariff provisions should be generally consistent with the Commission’s relevant Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 69.87 and the Commission Order under Docket No. M-00981209.
8. Original Page 20 Section 2.13: Remove subsection 2 regarding recovery of legal fees.
9. Original Pages 21-24 Section 2.1.5: The limitations of liability tariff provisions should be generally consistent with the Commission’s relevant Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 69.87 and the Commission Order under Docket No. M-00981209.
10. Original Page 25 Section 2.17: Remove Section 2.17 “Force Majeure”.