

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held February 19, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Application of American Broadband and  
Telecommunications Company for Approval of the  
Discontinuance and Abandonment of Interexchange  
Carrier, Interexchange Carrier Reseller, and Competitive  
Local Exchange Carrier Services to the Public in the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

A-2022-3035615

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On September 23, 2022, American Broadband and Telecommunications Company (“American Broadband” or “Company”), utility code 3115590, filed an Application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience (Certificate) pursuant to Section 1102(a)(2) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1102(a)(2), evidencing Commission approval of the discontinuance and abandonment of Interexchange Carrier (IXC), Interexchange Carrier Reseller (IXC-R), and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) services to the public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

American Broadband is currently certificated to provide telecommunications services as an IXC (statewide) at Docket No. A-2013-2354980, an IXC-R (statewide) at Docket No. A-2013-2354978, and as a CLEC in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC; Verizon North LLC; Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC; Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company; Frontier Communications of Breezewood, Inc.; Frontier Communications of Canton, Inc.;

Frontier Communications of Lakewood, Inc.; Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, Inc.; and Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc at Docket Nos. A-2013-2354974; A-2013-2354976; A-2013-2354840 A-2014-2431015; A-2014-2431016; A-2014-2431017; A-2014-2431019; A-2014-2431020; and A-2014-2431042. The Company's Certificates were granted on May 9, 2013, September 24, 2013, and November 5, 2014. American Broadband proposes to discontinue and abandon the provision of IXC, IXC-R, and CLEC services within Pennsylvania.

American Broadband avers that it does not provide IXC, IXC-R, or CLEC services in Pennsylvania nor does it have any customers for these services.<sup>1</sup> American Broadband states that the Company is focusing its efforts on providing wireless Lifeline services as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup>

There are no NXX codes affected by this Application. The Company is current on all assessments, reports, and regulatory fees. The Company has submitted the required filing fee of \$350 with the Application pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.43.

A copy of the Application was sent to the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and the Office of the Attorney General as evidenced by the Certificate of Service submitted with the Application. No protests were made since the Application was filed and no hearings were held. In addition, no motions or petitions were filed in this proceeding, however, this Application had been held in abeyance pending the conclusion of the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement's (I&E) investigation at Docket No. A-2022-3034019.<sup>3</sup> On January 8, 2025, the Commission approved a settlement between I&E and the Company which

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<sup>1</sup> By Letter dated September 27, 2022, the Commission's Bureau of Administration notified American Broadband that because it had reported zero total gross intrastate operating revenue for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 assessment years, it had failed to establish that it is operating continuously in Pennsylvania.

<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of Petition of American Broadband And Telecommunications Company For Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service on a Wireless Basis*, Docket No. P-2013-2362571 (Order entered November 5, 2015).

<sup>3</sup> *Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement's Investigation of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company, LLC relating to Possible Violations of 52 Pa. Code § 63.1, et seq., of the Commission's Regulations and 66 Pa.C.S. § 1101 of the Public Utility Code*, Opinion and Order entered January 8, 2025.

imposed a civil penalty of \$10,000. American Broadband subsequently remitted payment to the Commission and the docket was closed.

Upon full consideration of all matters of record pertaining to the Application, we find that approval of the Application is in the public interest. Upon abandonment, all rights and privileges as a public utility existing under the Certificate now subject to abandonment in Pennsylvania, including but not limited to all rights and privileges with eminent domain authority zoning exemptions, and public right-of-way occupancy, shall be revoked; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Application of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company is hereby approved.
2. That a Certificate of Public Convenience be issued pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 1102(a)(2) authorizing the discontinuance and abandonment of Interexchange Carrier, Interexchange Carrier Reseller, and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier services by American Broadband and Telecommunications Company to the public within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as specified in the Application.
3. That the Secretary's Bureau cancel and remove American Broadband and Telecommunications Company's tariffs from the active files and that American Broadband and Telecommunications Company be removed from the active lists maintained by the Bureau of Technical Utility Services and the Bureau of Administrative Services.

4. That upon issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience authorizing American Broadband and Telecommunications Company's Discontinuance and Abandonment of Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, Interexchange Carrier, and Interexchange Carrier Reseller services in Pennsylvania, American Broadband and Telecommunications Company's rights and privileges as a Pennsylvania public utility, including but not limited to all rights and privileges with eminent domain authority, zoning exemptions, and public rights-of-way occupancy, are revoked.

5. That a copy of this Order be served on the Bureau of Registration and Taxpayer Management in the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency 911 Office.

6. That this case be marked closed.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: February 19, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: February 19, 2026