

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 5246
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FILED BY :
AIR VOICE WIRELESS, LLC d/b/a AIRTALK WIRELESS :

ORDER

On March 30, 2022, Air Voice Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk Wireless (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration to as a Class VI Telecommunication Service Provider¹ pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the PUC.² The application included the Company's statement of business operations and proposed service. The Company requested confidential treatment of the Company's financial statements provided as evidence of the Company's financial position.

On April 5, 2022, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum indicating that the Company has complied with the filing requirements necessary to obtain authorization to operate as a provider of telecommunications service and recommended approval of the Company's application.

At an Open Meeting held April 11, 2022, the Commission found the Company's application to be proper, reasonable, and in the interest of ratepayers. The PUC granted the Company's request for protective treatment of confidential information and approved the Company's application.

¹ Registering as a Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) company. Although CMRS providers are exempt from PUC regulation per R.I. Gen. Laws §39-28-3, the application requirement stands for the sole purpose of registration and thereby, enforcement and assessment of fees per R.I. Gen. Laws §39-28-4.

² Order No. 15040 (issued July 12, 1996).

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24348) ORDERED:

- 1) The application for registration to operate as a Class VI Telecommunication Supplier filed by Air Voice Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk Wireless is approved.
- 2) Air Voice Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk Wireless shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 11, 2022 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 13, 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

Notice of Right of Appeal: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within 7 days from the date of the Order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or Order.