

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 22-58-TL
PROVIDE LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES :
FILED BY SERVICE AREA 5 CABLE, LLC d/b/a :
I3 BROADBAND :

ORDER

On December 30, 2022, Service Area 5 Cable, LLC d/b/a i3 Broadband (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration to as a Class I 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 January 11, 2023, 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 January 20, 2023, 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 Competitive Local Exchange Carrier.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24570) ORDERED:

- 1) The application for registration to operate as a Class VI Telecommunication Supplier filed by Service Area 5 Cable, LLC d/b/a i3 Broadband is approved.
- 2) Service Area 5 Cable, LLC d/b/a i3 Broadband's proposed intrastate tariffs are approved effective January 29, 2023.
- 3) Service Area 5 Cable, LLC d/b/a i3 Broadband LLC shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 20, 2023 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 31, 2023.

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.