STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO

DOCKET NO. 23-09-TL

PROVIDE LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

SERVICE FILED BY UComTel Inc.

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ORDER

On March 16, 2023, UComTel, Inc. (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 March 23, 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 March 31, 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.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24645) ORDERED:

¹ Registering as a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider. Although VoIP 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.

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

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- 1) The application for registration to operate as a Class VI Telecommunication Supplier filed by UComTel, Inc. is approved.
- 2) UComTel, Inc. shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 31, 2023 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 19, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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*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.

^{*}Commissioner Revens did not participate.