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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 20, 2023

**TO:** Luly Massaro  
Clerk, Public Utilities Commission

**FROM:** Joel A. Munoz   
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**SUBJECT:** RIPUC Docket No. 23-28-TL, EarthGrid PBC  
Application to operate as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier  
Class VI Telecommunications Service Provider

In accordance with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") generic docket "Entry Requirements for Telecommunication Carriers" Report and Order in Docket 2411, EarthGrid PBC filed a letter and supporting documents on August 23, 2023, notifying the Commission that they intend on serving as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC"), Class VI: Telecommunications Service Provider, within the State of Rhode Island.

The Commission, under guidelines in Docket 2411, shall grant authority for CLEC status upon the following guidelines.

1. The applicant has satisfactorily provided a Statement of Business Operations in accordance with the Report and Order in Docket No. 2129, and a map or statement of the geographical area or areas in which service will be offered.

The required information has been provided by EarthGrid PBC and has been reviewed by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") and found to be complete.

2. That the applicant meets the standard for financial resources, managerial qualifications, and technical competence.

The required information has been provided by EarthGrid PBC and has been reviewed by the Division and found to be complete.

3. That the applicant has specified whether it intends to offer its service to wholesale/retail customers that request local exchange service.

EarthGrid PBC intends to provide telecommunications to all Rhode Island wholesale/retail ratepayers that qualify for their services.

4. That the applicant has paid the appropriate application fees.

The correct fee of \$300.00 (check #67984) was received and deposited.

#### **Conformity with Docket 2411**

The Division has reviewed the EarthGrid PBC filing, letters, and supporting documentation for their conformity to the Commission's directives in Docket 2411 and has found that applicant has fulfilled all requirements.

#### **Recommendation**

The Division supports this application for registration as a CLEC, Class VI telecommunications service provider in the State of Rhode Island. The Division also recommends that the Commission grant the applicant's request for confidential treatment of its confidential information.