STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO : DOCKET NO. 23-40-TL

PROVIDE LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

SERVICE FILED BY TELNET USA, LLC:

ORDER

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On October 31, 2023, TelNet USA, LLC (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration to transact as a Class VI Telecommunication Service Provider¹ pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the Commission.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 November 8, 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 November 21, 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

(24869) ORDERED:

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).

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- The application for registration to operate as a Class VI Telecommunication Supplier filed by TelNet USA, LLC is approved.
- TelNet USA, LLC shall notify the Commission when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
NOVEMBER 27, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

*Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman

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John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

*Chairman Gerwatowski did not participate in the Open Meeting decision.

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.