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Memorandum

DATE: January 13, 2026

TO: Stephanie DeLaRosa
Clerk, Public Utilities Commission

FROM: Joel A. Munoz
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SUBJECT: RIPUC Docket No. 26-02-TL, Zayo Network Services, LLC
Application Registration to Transact as a Provider of Telecommunications
Service – Class VI

Zayo Network Services, LLC (the “Applicant”) filed a letter and supporting documents on January 7, 2026, with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in support of its application for authority to operate as a Class VI Telecommunications Provider within the State of Rhode Island. A Class VI is defined in the Commission rules as: “Other service providers who are not covered by Classes I-V.”¹ The Applicant proposes to offer services “including but not limited to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services...”² VoIP services properly fall into the Class VI designation.

Although VOIP providers are essentially exempt from Commission regulation per R.I.G.L. §39-28-3, the application requirement stands for the sole purpose of registration and thereby enforcement and assessment of fees per R.I.G.L. §39-28-4.³ The Commission, under guidelines in Docket 2411 shall grant authority for Class VI status upon the following guidelines:

¹ Commission’s *Regulations and Fee Schedules for Telecommunications Providers*, (2)(E)(6).

² Applicant’s filing at Page 5.

³ Applicant’s filing at Page 5 also “seeks authority” to construct additional facilities. The Division is not commenting or making any recommendation regarding authority to construct facilities.

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 Applicant and 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 the Applicant 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 all residence customers.

Applicant intends to service telecommunications to all Rhode Island customers.

4. That the telecommunication carrier has paid the appropriate application fees.

The correct fee of \$300.00 (check #1604638) was received and deposited.

Conformity to Docket 2411

The Division has reviewed the Applicant’s filing, letters, and documents for their conformity to the Commission’s directives in Docket 2411 and has found the applicant has fulfilled all requirements.

Recommendation

The Division supports this application for registration as a Class VI telecommunications supplier in the State of Rhode Island. The Division also recommends that the Commission grant the Applicant’s request for confidential treatment of its proprietary information, specifically the confidential information found in *Confidential Exhibit C* of its filing.