

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION OF YMAX COMMUNICATIONS :  
CORP. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE : DOCKET NO. 4377  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE :  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE :  
PURPOSE OF OFFERING LIFELINE SERVICE :  
TO QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS :

ORDER  
(In Response to Request to Relinquish)

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission issued an order<sup>1</sup> designating YMax Communications Corp. as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout its service area in the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e),<sup>2</sup> in order to provide discounted prepaid wireless service to low income customers and receive certain subsidies from the Federal Universal Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2014, YMax Communications Corp. filed a Request to Relinquish ETC Designation, stating that it had not yet begun offering lifeline service in Rhode Island, it had changed its business plan so as not to offer lifeline service, and there were a number of alternate Eligible Telecommunications Carriers offering lifeline service in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2014, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a memorandum recommending YMax Communications Corp. be allowed to relinquish its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Rhode Island, noting that an

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4377-YMax-Ord21025\(5-1-13\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4377-YMax-Ord21025(5-1-13).pdf)

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) imposed statutory responsibility upon the Commission to certify telecommunications service providers as “eligible” to receive funds from the Federal Universal Service Fund. On January 7, 2013, attorney Michael McElroy, Esq. entered an appearance on behalf of YMax. This is the date upon which the Commission commenced its review.

adequate number of other carriers, currently fourteen, offer lifeline service in Rhode Island.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(21517) ORDERED:

YMax Communications Corp.'s Request to Relinquish ETC Designation is granted.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 30, 2014  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON  
JULY 21, 2014.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

Herbert F. DeSimone, 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 seven 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.