

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR LOW INCOME SUPPORT IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FILED BY GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA - DOCKET NO. 4446 AND Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC – DOCKET NO. 4449

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws 39-1-1 et seq, as amended, and 47 U.S.C. §§151–760, the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) will accept written public comments regarding the Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in the State of Rhode Island for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline Services to qualified households filed by 1) Global Connection, Inc. of America d/b/a STAND UP WIRELESS on September 30, 2013, and 2) Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC on October 17, 2103 (collectively, “Companies”). Both Companies seek ETC designation in order to receive funding from the federal Universal Service Fund to offer subsidized wireless service to eligible low-income consumers in the state of Rhode Island.

In these dockets, the PUC will examine the propriety of the Companies’ respective application to make a determination that the Companies have met the statutory and regulatory requirements to be designated as an ETC to receive funding from the available federal universal support mechanism and has complied with the PUC’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund.

Interested parties and members of the public may offer written comments regarding the Companies’ applications by **4:00 P.M. on November 29, 2013** to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, RI Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888.

The applications may be examined at the PUC’s office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI. The applications can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org, under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4446 and Docket No. 4449. Reference is made to R.I.G.L. §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
November 18, 2013