

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

Memorandum

DATE: January 11, 2021

TO: L. Massaro
Commission Clerk

FROM: Al Contente
Utility Analyst, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

SUBJECT: Simwood Inc. Docket No. 5093: Request Registration as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC") and a Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") supplier.

In accordance with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's ("RI PUC") generic docket "Entry Requirements for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers" 2411 and Docket No. 2129, Simwood Inc. on November 4, 2020 filed a letter and supporting documents notifying the Commission that they intend on providing telecommunication services as a carrier in the state of Rhode Island. They intend on registering as a Class I and a Class VI telecommunications provider.

The Commission, under guidelines in Docket Nos. 2411 and 2129, shall grant authority upon the following guidelines.

1. The applicant has satisfactorily provided a Statement of Business Operations in accordance with Docket Nos. 2411 and 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 Simwood Inc and has been reviewed by the Division and found to be complete.

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

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

Simwood Inc intends to offer wholesale point-to-point telecommunications, initially with existing network infrastructure and ultimately through fiber-fed distribution antenna systems, Wi-Fi and other technologies. They will be supplying IP-based transport service to other carriers and enterprise customers.

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

The correct fee of \$300.00 (Check #4351 & #4357) was received and deposited.

Conformity to Docket 2411 and 2129

The Division has reviewed the Simwood Inc filing, letters, and documents and tariffs (if available at time of filing) for its conformity to the RI PUC's directives in Docket Nos. 2411 and 2129 and has found the applicant has fulfilled all requirements. The tariffs (if unavailable at the time of the filing) will be reviewed by the Division and ruled upon by the Commission before commencement of operations within the state.

RECOMMENDATION

The Division supports this application for registration as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (Class I) and a VoIP (Class VI) provider in the State of Rhode Island.