

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 5093
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FILED :
BY SIMWOOD INC. :

ORDER

On November 2, 2020, Simwood, Inc. (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration to operate as a Class I¹ and Class VI Telecommunication Service Provider² pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the PUC.³ The application included the Company's statement of business operations and proposed service and rates. The Company requested confidential treatment of the Company's financial statements provided as evidence of the Company's financial position.

On January 11, 2021, 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 on January 22, 2021, 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

¹ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier.

² Class VI includes VoIP providers. VoIP 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.

³ Order No. 15040 (issued July 12, 1996).

(23983) ORDERED:

- 1) The application for registration to operate as Class I and Class VI Telecommunication Supplier filed by Simwood, Inc. is approved.
- 2) Simwood, Inc. shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 22, 2021 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JANUARY 22, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 27, 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairperson



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



Abigail Anthony, 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 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.