

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: PETITION OF COX RHODE ISLAND TELCOM LLC : DOCKET NO. 3533
FOR CERTIFICATION AS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS :
CARRIER "ELIGIBLE" TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS FROM :
THE FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND :

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws 39-1-1 et seq. and 47 U.S.C. 214(e), the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, July 31, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.** in the first floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will consider the propriety of an petition submitted by Cox Rhode Island Telcom LLC ("Cox") requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in order to receive funding and/or reimbursement from the available Federal universal support mechanism. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment and to take evidence from Cox that it has met the requirements to be designated as an ETC to receive payments from the Federal Service Universal Fund and complied with Commission's regulations governing the [Certification of Telecommunications Carriers as "Eligible" to Receive Payments From the Federal Service Universal Fund.](#)

The petition is on file for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of Cox Rhode Island Telecom LLC, 9 J.P. Murphy Highway, West Warwick, Rhode Island. The filing can also be viewed on line at www.ripuc.org/docket/3533page.html.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8, 42-35-9 and 42-35-10.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
July 18, 2003