

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

WHEREAS, On December 13, 2013, YMax Communications Corp. (“YMax” or “Company”) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) a Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) throughout its service area in the State of Rhode Island pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)<sup>1</sup> in order to provide discounted service to low income customers and receive certain subsidies from the Federal Universal Service Fund (“Petition”); and

WHEREAS, Under this telecommunications service, YMax will offer month-to-month service without requiring a security deposit or requiring credit. The offering provides long distance calling which eliminates billing of additional monthly fees. Services can be discontinued simply through non-payment of the next month’s services without penalty or disconnection fees.<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, YMax’s Lifeline Plan includes unlimited inbound calling, free local calling, and a \$3.00 credit towards the purchase of non-local calls. According to YMax,

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<sup>1</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, Rhode Island attorney, Michael McElroy, Esq., entered an appearance on behalf of YMax. This is the date upon which the Commission commenced its review.

<sup>2</sup> YMax Petition at 8-9.

the plan will be provided to the customer at an ultimate net cost of \$0 per month after the Lifeline discount;<sup>3</sup> and

WHEREAS, On March 29, 2013, YMax filed with the Commission a copy of its Rhode Island-specific Enrollment Form which includes the federal eligibility and state-specific eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, On April 3, 2013, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) filed a Memorandum with the Commission recommending approval of YMax’s Petition on the basis that the Company had adequately met all of the Commission’s requirements in the ETC Rules; and

WHEREAS, On April 19, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice to Solicit Comments on YMax’s Petition to which no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is of the opinion that YMax’s petition for ETC designation is proper, complies with the federal and state requirements, and is in the best interest of ratepayers.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(21025) ORDERED:

- 1) YMax Communications Corp. is hereby designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout its service area for receiving universal service support.
- 2) To the extent 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 requires any additional information to be filed with the FCC or USAC, YMax Communications Corp. is hereby ordered to make such a filing.

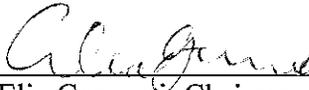
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<sup>3</sup> YMax’s Supplemental Petition at 1-2.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 29, 2013  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON  
MAY 1, 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
Elia Germati, Chairman

  
Mary E. Bray, Commissioner

  
Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

**NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL** PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. SECTION 39-5-1, ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OR ORDER OF THE COMMISSION MAY, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS (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.