

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 AMERICAN BROADBAND AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO. – DOCKET NO. 4559

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of the R.I. Gen. 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 American Broadband and Telecommunications Co. (Company) on April 8, 2015. The Company seeks 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 this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of the Company’s application to make a determination that the Company has 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 Company’s application by **4:00 P.M. on May 18, 2015** to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, RI Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888.

The application may be examined at the PUC’s office. The application can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org, under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4559. Reference is made to R.I.G.L. §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 6, 2015