

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 4997  
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FILED :  
BY VERSATEL, LLC :**

**ORDER**

On December 10, 2019, Versatel, LLC (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application for registration to operate as a provider of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)<sup>1</sup> Services pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the PUC.<sup>2</sup> The application also included a request for confidential treatment of the Company's balance sheet provided as evidence of the Company's financial position.

On January 30, 2020, 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 Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Services and recommended approval of the Company's application; and

At an Open Meeting held on February 5, 2020, the PUC 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

(23760) ORDERED:

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<sup>1</sup> Although 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.

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 15040 (issued July 12, 1996)

2) Versatel, LLC shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON FEBRUARY 5, 2020 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED FEBRUARY 6, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

\*Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

\*Commissioner Anthony did not participate.

**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.