

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 5020
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FILED :
BY WHITE LABEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC :**

ORDER

On March 4, 2020, White Label Communications, 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)¹ Services pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the PUC.² The application also included a request for confidential treatment of the Company's financial statements provided as evidence of the Company's financial position.

On March 12, 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.

At an Open Meeting held on March 17, 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

(23793) ORDERED:

¹ 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.

² Order No. 15040 (issued July 12, 1996)

- 1) The application for registration to operate as a provider of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Services filed by White Label Communications, LLC is approved.
- 2) White Label Communications, LLC shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 17, 2020 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

*Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

Abigail Anthony

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*Commissioner Gold concurs with this decision but is unavailable for signature.

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.