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## Memorandum

**DATE:** March 9, 2021

**TO:** L. Massaro  
Commission Clerk

**FROM:** Alfred Contente   
Utility Analyst, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

**SUBJECT:** RIPUC Docket No. 5123, Combined Public Communications, LLC, Requests Registration as a Class V Telecommunication Supplier (Inmate Services).

In accordance with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's ("RIPUC") generic docket "Entry Requirements for Telecommunication Carriers" Report and Order 2411, Combined Public Communications, LLC. filed a letter and supporting documents notifying the Commission that they intend on providing telecommunication services as a Class V provider in the state of Rhode Island.

Although a requirement of registration is that the applicant "must submit a copy of the contract with the State of Rhode Island or the United States of America."<sup>1</sup>, the applicant has stated that they cannot enter into a contract without first being registered to do business in the state as a Telecommunication provider.

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<sup>1</sup> STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS REGULATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS

1. The applicant has satisfactorily provided a Statement of Business Operations in accordance with the Report and Order in Docket No. 2129, and a map or statement of the geographical area or areas in which service will be offered.

The required information has been provided by Combined Public Communications, LLC. and has been reviewed by the Division and found to be complete.

2. That the applicant meets the standard for financial resources, managerial qualifications and technical competence.

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3. That the CLASS V has specified whether it intends to offer its service to all customers within the contracted population.

Combined Public Communications, LLC. intends to service telecommunications to all qualified customers.

4. That the telecommunication carrier has paid the appropriate application fees.

The correct fee of \$150.00 (check #5677) was received and deposited.

### **Conformity to Docket 2411**

The Division has reviewed the Combined Public Communications, LLC. filing, letters, documents and tariffs for their conformity to the RI PUC's directives in Docket 2411 and has found the applicant has fulfilled most requirements. In lieu of the required contract, the Division suggests the approval be contingent upon the applicant supplying proof of said contract to the Commission within 6-months of approval.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Division supports this application for conditional registration as a Class V telecommunication supplier in the State of Rhode Island. If proof of contract with state or federal government is not produced within 6-months of PUC decision, any conditional approval of registration should be rescinded.