

In the Matter of a Notice to Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Grant Winners and Application of Cable One VoIP LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Minnesota to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (Auction 904) Support for Voice and Broadband Services and to Receive Federal Lifeline Support.

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Commissioner Tuma offers the following decision option amendments:

1. A. Find, based on the record before the Commission as of now, the requirements for ETC designation have been met, approve Cable One’s petition for ETC designation in the census blocks listed in its petition subject to this Commission’s ongoing jurisdiction to oversee ETC compliance as set forth in sections 214(e)(2) and 254(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the FCC’s Universal Service rules, codified at 47 C.F.R. section 54, and the applicable FCC auction materials. Staff shall provide notice for comment, by July 1, 2021, to address the state’s present and recommended authority over ETC companies and the role of DOC, DEED, DPS, OAG, and the Commission in overseeing ETCs.

B. So that state agencies and the Commission’s Consumer Affairs Office may explain service expectations to customers in the affected census blocks, Cable One shall, within 10 days of the order, make a compliance filing explaining when it is legally obligated to commence advertising and providing voice telephony and Lifeline services as required by the FCC under their RDOF order.