

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** with Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

P-407, 405/CI-18-122

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Service Quality, Customer Service, and Billing Practices of Frontier Communications

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Grant Frontier's Request for an Extension of 30 days to file its response, subject to the following conditions:
 - A. The Commission delegates the authority to the Executive Secretary to determine whether additional data required by Commission Rule, Order or by statute should be filed with the Consumer Affairs Office to assist in the adjudication of individual customer complaints; and
 - B. Require Frontier to make a compliance filing within 15 days of the Commission's Order in this docket outlining the remedies it offers to customers consistent with Minnesota state law, including customers identified in Frontier's records as having a medical condition in the household. The Commission's Consumer Affairs Office will use this compliance filing to ensure that customers filing complaints receive appropriate relief until a final decision on the merits has been made by this Commission.
2. Request that the parties undertake mediation using the services of the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-6995/M-18-653

In the Matter of LTD Broadband LLC's Petition for eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Minnesota

P-999/CI-18-634

In the Matter of a Notice to connect America Fund 11 Grant Winners

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve LTD's request for ETC status for high cost support in the Census Blocks listed in the company's filing.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices or letter to the Federal Communications Commission or any other entity if necessary to facilitate communication of LTD's ETC status with this Commission.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-6186/M-18-861

In the Matter of Midcontinent Communications' Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Minnesota

P-999/CI-18-634

In the Matter of a Notice to Connect America Fund 11 Grant Winners

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Midcontinent Communications' request for ETC status for high cost support in the Census Blocks listed in the company's filing.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices or letter to the Federal Communications Commission or any other entity if necessary to facilitate communication of Midcontinent Communications' ETC status with this Commission.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-999/CI-18-665

In the Matter of Broadband Corp's Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Minnesota

P-999/CI-18-634

In the Matter of a Notice to Connect America Fund 11 Grant Winners

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Broadband's request for ETC status for high cost support in the Census Blocks listed in the company's filing.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices or letter to the Federal Communications Commission or any other entity if necessary to facilitate communication of Broadband's ETC status with this Commission.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-5891/M-18-675

In the Matter of Jaguar Communications' Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Minnesota

P-999/CI-18-634

In the Matter of a Notice to Connect America Fund 11 Grant Winners

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Jaguar's request for ETC status for high cost support in the Census Blocks listed in the company's filing.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices or letter to the Federal Communications Commission or any other entity if necessary to facilitate communication of Jaguar's ETC status with this Commission.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-6996/M-18-679

In the Matter of Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Minnesota

P-999/CI-18-634

In the Matter of a Notice to Connect America Fund 11 Grant Winners

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s request for ETC status for high cost support in the Census Blocks listed in the company's filing.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices or letter to the Federal Communications Commission or any other entity if necessary to facilitate communication of Roseau Electric's ETC status with this Commission.

The motion passed 4-0.

P-999/CI-18-634

P-432/M-18-549

P-431/AM-601

P-432/AM-18-605

P-409/AK-18-607

P-530/M-18-626

P-523/AM-18-630

P-515/AM18-637

P-406/AM-18-645

P-522/AM-18-718

In the Matter of Petitions for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Minnesota

Commissioner Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Wikstrom Telephone (Wiktel's) (Docket No. 18-549) request for Lifetime ETC status in all areas in which Wiktel has CLEC authority and for high cost ETC status in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 6, 2018 comments;
2. Approve West Central's, (Docket No. 18-601), request for ETC status for high cost support in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 20, 2018 comments.

3. Approve Paul Bunyan Telephone's (Docket No. 18-605) request for ETC status for high cost support in the census blocks listed in the Department's November 20, 2018 comments.
4. Approves Valley Telephone's (Docket No. 18-607) request for ETC status for high cost support in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 16, 2018 comment.
5. Approve Halstad Telephone's (Docket No. 18-826) request for ETC status for high cost support in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 16, 2018 comment.
6. Approve Federated Telephone's (Docket No. 18-630) request for ETC status in all areas in which Federated has CLEC authority but has not yet received ETC status and for high cost support in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 16, 2018 comment.
7. Approve Interstate's (Docket No. 18-637) request for ETC status for high cost support in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 27, 2018 comment.
8. Approve Farmer's Mutual (Docket No. 18-718) request for ETC status in all areas in which Farmer's has CLEC authority but has not yet received ETC status and for high cost support in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 30, 2018 comment.
9. Approve Consolidated Telephone's (Docket No. 18-645) request for Lifeline ETC status in the exchanges of Brainerd, Little Falls, Nisswa, Staples Aitkin, Bennettville, Browerville, Crosby, Deerwood, and Long Prairie and high cost ETC status in the census blocks listed in Exhibit 1 of the Department's November 7, 2018 comments.
10. Delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue notices, and/or letters to the Federal Communications Commission or any other entity, if necessary to facilitate communication of the petitioners' ETC status as designated by the Commission.

The motion passed 4-0.

ET-2/TL-15-628 In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the Bull Moose 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Cass County

Commission Tuma moved that the Commission:

1. Issue a high-voltage-transmission-line route permit, identifying a specific route and permit conditions, to the Applicant for the Bull Moose Project;
2. Approve and adopt the Applicant's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, as modified by EERA;
3. Find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing address the issues identified in the scoping decision; and
4. Authorize Commission staff to make further refinements to the findings of fact and permit conditions as necessary to ensure consistency with the record, the language of recently issued permits, and the Commission's decision in this matter.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: March 27, 2019



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary