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In Re: **Application of One Ring Networks, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction (Auction 904) Support for Voice and Broadband Service**

ORDER APPROVING RELINQUISHMENT OF ETC DESIGNATION

I. Background

On February 12, 2021, One Ring Networks, Inc. ("One Ring") filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction (Auction 904) Support for Voice and Broadband Services.

On June 7, 2021, the Commission issued an order granting ETC designation to One Ring.

On April 6, 2023, One Ring Networks, Inc. filed its Petition of One Ring Networks, Inc. for Order Confirming Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Georgia ("Petition")[1]. In its Petition, One Ring states:

> Due to challenges asserting that the Census Blocks covered by One Ring's RDOF award were already served, One Ring chose not to proceed with the RDOF award. One Ring surrendered the award and does not intend to pursue any future federal high-cost subsidies. Therefore, One Ring will not exercise its ETC authority and no longer needs the designation. Federal law allows One Ring to relinquish its ETC designation in Georgia because the Census Blocks in which it was designated as an ETC are served by at least one other ETC. One Ring has not commenced providing

[1] The original filing identified the company as "One Ring Networks II, Inc." However, on April 20, 2023, One Ring filed a letter correcting the company name to "One Ring Networks, Inc." which is the company that was designated as an ETC.

regulated telecommunications services in Georgia, so relinquishing the ETC designation will not affect any customers.

Petition, pp. 1-2

One Ring requests relinquishment of its ETC designation in all of the census blocks granted by the Commission effective May 5, 2023. *Id.* at *2-3*

II. Staff Recommendation

Because One Ring has not commenced service and therefore has no customers, Staff concluded that One Ring met the requirements for relinquishment and recommended approval of One Ring's request.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the ETC designation of One Ring Networks, Inc. is hereby relinquished effective May 5, 2023.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 2nd day of May 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

5/4/23
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Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

5-5-23
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