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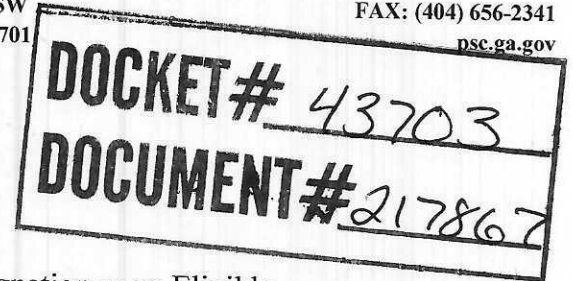
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Docket No. 43703

In Re: Application of Starlink Services, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support

ORDER APPROVING RELINQUISHMENT OF ETC DESIGNATION

I. Background

On January 4, 2021, Starlink Services, LLC ("Starlink") filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support.

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

On February 16, 2024, Starlink filed its Request for Relinquishment of Certificates of Authority ("Request"). In its Request, Starlink states:

[T]he Wireless Communications Bureau ("Bureau") denied Starlink's RDOF "Long Form" application. Starlink appealed this Bureau decision to the FCC, and the FCC later affirmed the Bureau's decision. As a result, Starlink will not receive any RDOF support to provide service in Georgia. Starlink is deeply disappointed and perplexed by the FCC's decision to exclude the Starlink satellite broadband service from RDOF, a decision that directly undermines the very goal of RDOF: to connect unserved and underserved Americans. As a result of these changed circumstances, Starlink respectfully requests to relinquish the Authorizations. Authority for this request lies in 47 U.S.C. § 214 (e)(4), which permits an ETC to relinquish its authorization for an area served by another ETC, or where existing customers will continue to be served. There are no existing Starlink subscribers to consider in connection with Starlink's relinquishment of the Authorizations, thereby making customer notification unnecessary. Starlink respectfully requests

expedited consideration of this request. Starlink further states that the unregulated Starlink-branded broadband service provided by Space Exploration Technologies Corp., a separate affiliate, remains available in Georgia and that this relinquishment will have no impact on those subscribers.

Request, p. 1. Footnotes omitted.

II. Staff Recommendation

Staff concluded that Starlink met the requirements for relinquishment in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and recommended approval of Starlink's request.

III. Commission Decision

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

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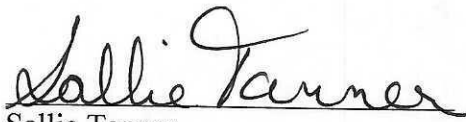
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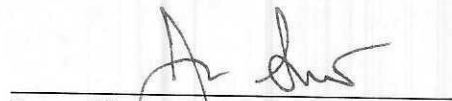
ORDERED, that the ETC designation of Starlink Services, LLC is hereby relinquished.

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 5th day of March 2024.


Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary


Jason Shaw
Chairman

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