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Docket No. 43719

In Re: Application of Pineland Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended

ORDER AMENDING ETC DESIGNATION

Background

On January 19, 2021, Pineland Communications, Inc. ("Pineland") filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

On May 27, 2021, the Commission designated Pineland as an ETC to receive rural Digital Opportunity Fund support for voice and broadband services in certain census blocks and approved Pineland's request for Lifeline-only designation in one wire center, Swainsboro.

On February 16, 2024, Pineland filed a request for an amendment to expand its Lifeline-only designation to a number of census blocks ("Request").

On March 8, 2024, at the request of Staff, Pineland filed a list of census blocks associated with the Swainsboro wire center.

Staff Recommendation

Staff reviewed Pineland's Request and recommended that the Commission amend the Lifeline-only portion of Pineland's ETC designation to include the census blocks in the Request and to replace the Swainsboro wire center with the list of census blocks filed on March 8, 2024.

Commission Decision

The Commission finds the Staff's recommendation reasonable and hereby adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that Pineland's Lifeline-only ETC designation is amended to include the census blocks shown in Attachment 1 to this Order.

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 19th day of March 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

4-19-24
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Jason Shaw
Chairman

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