Before the
Georgia Public Utility Commission

In the Matter of	)	
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Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC	)	Docket No. _____
	)	
Application for Designation as an	)	
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier	)	
Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the	)	
Communications Act of 1934, as amended	)	
	)	
Request for Relinquishment of Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carrier Designation	)	

PETITION OF POINT BROADBAND FIBER HOLDING, LLC FOR RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 214(e)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, ("Act") and Section 54.205 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"),[1] Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC ("Point Broadband") respectfully requests authorization to relinquish its designation in the State of Georgia as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") under Georgia Administrative Code 515-12-1-.35.[2] Point Broadband files this petition in connection with the assignment of Point Broadband's domestic Section 214 authorization to the City of Colquitt, Georgia ("Colquitt") with respect to its Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") support obligations for designated census blocks in Study Area Code 229033 ("Assigned Census Blocks") covering 2,000 locations in Miller County, Georgia. In connection with this transaction, Point Broadband and Colquitt have filed an application with the FCC for the assignment of Point Broadband's domestic Section 214 authorization for the Assigned

[1] 47 U.S.C.§ 214(e)(4); 47 CFR § 54.205.

[2] Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. § 515-12-1-.35.

Census Blocks.[3] As described below, Point Broadband meets all applicable requirements for ETC relinquishment, and respectfully requests grant of this petition by the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission").

Point Broadband is a Fiber-to-the-Premise provider serving residential and commercial customers. On May 27, 2021, the Commission designated Point Broadband as an ETC for its RDOF census blocks in Georgia.[4] On September 15, 2021, the WCB released the *Authorization PN* authorizing Point Broadband to receive $4,241,074.70 in RDOF support for the Assigned Census Blocks for 2,000 locations in Miller County, Georgia.[5]

On March 14, 2025, Point Broadband entered into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement ("Agreement") with Colquitt with respect to the Assigned Census Blocks for which Point Broadband is designated an ETC for RDOF support in the State of Georgia.[6] Point Broadband is providing service to approximately 120 subscribers in these census blocks. Consistent with the terms of the Agreement, Colquitt is concurrently applying to the Commission for ETC designation so that Colquitt can receive RDOF support in the Assigned Census Blocks following consummation of the transaction. Under terms of the Agreement, subject to FCC grant of the Section 214 Application and Commission grant of Colquitt's application for ETC

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[3] *See Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC, Assignor, and City of Colquitt, Georgia, Assignee, For Consent to Assignment of Domestic Section 214 Authorization*, FCC WC Docket No. 25-187, Application for Consent to Assignment of Domestic Section 214 Authorization (filed May 30, 2025) ("Section 214 Application").

[4] *See Application of Pont Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,* Docket 43705, Order on Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (2021) (attached hereto), *available at* https://psc.ga.gov/search/facts-document/?documentId=185863.

[5] *See Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support Authorized for 466 Winning Bids*, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 13574 (WCB & OEA 2021) ("*Authorization PN*") at Attach. A.

[6] *See* Point Broadband Georgia ETC Order at Attach. 1 (list of Assigned Census Blocks).

designation, Point Broadband has agreed to assign to Colquitt: (a) the assets Point Broadband acquired with RDOF support, including engineering plans, pole attachment rights, power, real property and transport services, (b) customer accounts for approximately 120 Point Broadband subscribers located in the Assigned Census Blocks, (c) RDOF support that has not been expended as of the consummation of the proposed transaction, and (d) the right to receive all future RDOF support for the Assigned Census Blocks, estimated to be $424,107.47 in annual support. At closing, Colquitt will acquire the above assets and assume all of Point Broadband's obligations associated with the receipt of RDOF support for these locations, and Point Broadband will no longer require its ETC designation. The transaction will not result in any loss or impairment of service for subscribers.

Under the Act and the FCC's rules, the Commission permits an entity such as Point Broadband to relinquish its ETC designation in any area that is served by more than one carrier, so long as the remaining carrier(s) purchase or construct additional facilities if necessary to serve all customers in the area.[7] Here, Colquitt has agreed to assume Point Broadband's service obligations in the Assigned Census Blocks. Thus, there will be at least one other ETC remaining throughout the coverage area.

[7] 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4); 47 C.F.R. § 54.205.

Accordingly, consistent with all applicable requirements, Point Broadband respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition for Relinquishment of its ETC designation.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT

***Application of Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended*, Docket No. 43705, Order on Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (2021)**

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Docket No. 43705

In Re: Application of Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended

ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

Background

On January 5, 2021, Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC ("Point Broadband" or "the Company") 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 ("Application").

Point Broadband was selected by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") as a winning bidder in Georgia in the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") Phase I auction to provide broadband and voice services to consumers and businesses in its proposed ETC designation area. Point Broadband will also provide Lifeline discounted service to qualifying low-income customers who reside within the Company's service areas in the State of Georgia. Point Broadband is obligated by the FCC to obtain ETC designation status by June 7, 2021, which is 180 days after the announcement by the FCC on December 7, 2020, that the Company is a winning bidder in the RDOF Phase I auction in the census blocks in which the Company was awarded RDOF Phase I support.

To be designated as an ETC, an applicant must be a common carrier pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. For voice service, 47 C.F.R. §

54.101(a)(1) requires ETCs to provide the following services and functionality: voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organization, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers. Section 54.405(a) of the FCC's rules require an ETC to offer lifeline service "as defined in § 54.401, to qualifying low-income consumers." Section 54.401(a)(2) defines lifeline service to include "voice telephony service or broadband Internet access service as defined in § 54.400." "Broadband internet access service" is defined to include "the capability to transmit data to and receive data by wire or radio from all or substantially all Internet endpoints, including any capabilities that are incidental to and enable the operation of the communications service, but excluding dial-up service." 47 C.F.R. § 54.400(l). Read together, these regulations require an ETC to offer subsidized Lifeline and voice and broadband services, including a standalone voice service offering to qualifying low-income consumers within its proposed ETC designation area. Point Broadband asserts that it meets all the requirements of the FCC for designation as an ETC for voice and broadband services.

Point Broadband committed to comply with the Commission's rules on eligible telecommunications carriers, Rule 515-12-1-.35: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

The Commission Staff issued data requests to Point Broadband on March 8, 2021, and Point Broadband filed responses on April 7, 2021.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended that the Commission designate Point Broadband as an ETC in order to receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support for voice and broadband services in the census blocks shown in Attachment 1. Staff further recommended that Point Broadband's ETC designation be subject to the condition that its pending application for authority to provide interexchange service is ultimately approved by the Commission.

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 Point Broadband is hereby designated an ETC in order to receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support for voice and broadband services in the census blocks shown in Attachment 1 to this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that Point Broadband's ETC designation is subject to the condition that its pending application for authority to provide interexchange service is ultimately approved by the Commission.

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 18th day of May 2021.

Reece McAlister
Executive Secretary

5-27-21
DATE

Chuck Eaton
Chairman

5/27/21
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Attachment 1

CENSUS BLOCK ID	COUNTY
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