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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 CONDITIONALLY APPROVING RELINQUISHMENT OF ETC DESIGNATION

I. Background

On January 5, 2021, Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC ("Point Broadband") filed with the Georgia Public Service 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 issued an order granting ETC designation to Point Broadband.

On August 6, 2025, Point Broadband filed its Petition for Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation ("Petition"). In its Petition, Point Broadband states:

> 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"), 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. 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 Census Blocks. 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. 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.

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. 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 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. 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.

Petition, pp. 1-3. Footnotes omitted.

II. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended conditional approval of Point Broadband's Petition. Point Broadband's relinquishment of its ETC designation should be conditioned upon FCC approval of Point Broadband's and Colquitt's application for reassignment of the census blocks from Point Broadband to Colquitt.

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 Point Broadband is hereby approved subject to the conditions described herein.

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 November 2025.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

11-18-25
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Jason Shaw
Chairman

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