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IN THE MATTER OF THE EXPANSION OF THE)
DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA OF DAVIESS-)
MARTIN COUNTY RURAL TELEPHONE) CAUSE NO. 41052 ETC 30 S1
CORPORATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE)
STATE OF INDIANA)

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) has caused the following entry to be made:

The Presiding Officers request that Daviess-Martin County Rural Telephone Corporation (“Daviess-Martin” or “Petitioner”) respond to the following requests on or before 5 p.m. on April 12, 2021 (with a copy via email to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge):

1. Please identify any other companies or entities (either affiliated or unaffiliated) with which Petitioner is partnering, or intends to partner, in offering or providing supported services in Indiana, including the specific services covered under Daviess-Martin’s provisional award of Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (“RDOF”) Phase I support. If applicable, please explain whether each partner is an affiliate or subsidiary of Petitioner or an unaffiliated entity.

2. Please identify the minimum actual downstream and upstream broadband speeds, the monthly broadband usage allowances, and the latency commitment that Daviess-Martin will offer to fulfill its RDOF commitments to the FCC.

3. Please affirm that Petitioner will offer all the required RDOF services to all eligible residential and small business customers and to all high cost/RDOF non-Lifeline subscribers and Lifeline subscribers throughout the proposed Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) designation area at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates in urban areas for similar services.

4. Please explain the following:

a. Whether Daviess-Martin will distinguish between local and non-local (i.e., toll) minutes;

b. Whether Daviess-Martin’s Lifeline subscribers will have their local exchange service disconnected for non-payment of toll charges;

c. Whether Daviess-Martin will require its Lifeline subscribers to pay any additional charges for toll calls, and, if so, please explain the charges;

d. Whether and how Daviess-Martin will offer Lifeline subscriber credits for both voice telephony-broadband bundles and for voice-telephony-only service, as well as the dollar amounts of those credits and the associated terms and conditions (e.g., broadband speeds and usage allowances) and the expiration date (if any) for the credits; and

e. Whether Daviess-Martin will offer toll blocking and/or toll control to its Lifeline subscribers.

5. Please state whether Petitioner requests an ETC designation at the census block level or at the census block group level.

6. Consistent with the Commission's General Administrative Order ("GAO") 2019-5, Item # 6, please provide the following documents:

a. An amended version of Exhibit B to the Verified Petition to show all census blocks that were allocated to it by the FCC and for which Petitioner is seeking ETC designation from this Commission;

b. An Excel spreadsheet, listing, in a single column, all census blocks for which Daviess-Martin is seeking ETC designation, filed separately; and

c. An amended version of Exhibit A to the Verified Petition that will identify the 10 companies in whose Study Areas Petitioner is seeking ETC designation, show all census block boundaries for the census blocks included in Petitioner's ETC designation request, and will be otherwise consistent with the amended Exhibit B.

7. Please confirm that Petitioner will offer a stand-alone voice telephony telecommunications service to all eligible residential and small business customers that will not require the customer to also subscribe to a broadband offering. Please provide the rates and number of minutes for this offering.

8. Daviess-Martin requests a waiver of the requirement to file a five-year improvement plan. In lieu of filing a five-year improvement plan, please provide more information regarding Petitioner's plan to provide the supported voice and broadband services to its proposed designated service area. As part of this response, please provide more information on how Daviess-Martin plans to meet the FCC's RDOF buildout timeline.

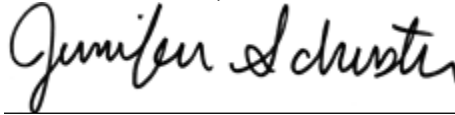
9. Please describe the specific consumer protections and service quality standards that will be implemented for Daviess-Martin's voice telephony telecommunications service customers in Indiana.

10. Please confirm that Petitioner will be the entity responsible for dealing with problems experienced by its retail voice over IP (“VoIP”) and voice telephony customers in Indiana, and that it will provide quality of service guarantees and other consumer protections to its end user voice customers. Please provide copies of and/or links to any such guarantees and protections.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



James F. Huston, Chairman



Jennifer L. Schuster, Administrative Law Judge

Date: April 7, 2021