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TO: Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director

FROM: James V. Maduro, Regulatory Analyst II, Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement *Jun 26 PM*

RE: Docket No. 040553-TX - Coastal Telephone Connections

Attached please find an amended petition for the above docket which was filed by Coastal Connections. Please enter this amended petition in the formal docket. Thank you.

cc: Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement (Bulecza-Banks, Casey, C. Williams)
Office of General Counsel (B. Keating, K. Scott)
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Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)

Pursuant to 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"), 47 USC 214(e)(2) and 54.201 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules, 47 CFR 54.201 and FCC Order 97-157. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections requests to be designated as eligible to receive all available support from the Federal Universal Services Fund ("USF") including, but not limited to, support for low income customers. In support of this petition, the following is respectfully shown.

I. Name and address of Petitioner

1. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connection, 1186 Hamilton Ave., Jennings, Fl. 32053

II. Applicable Statutes and Rules

2. Statutes and rules implicated by the instant Petition are as follows: 47 USC 153(44), 214(e), 253(b) and 254(d); 47CFR 51.5, 54.5, 24.2021 AND FCC Order 97-157.

III. Authorization and Service Area

3. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections is a telecommunications carrier as defined in 47 USC 153(44) and 47 CFR 51.5 and FCC Order 97-157, and for the purposes of part 54 of the FCC's rules.
4. A telecommunications carrier may be designed as an ETC and receive universal service support throughout its designated service area if it agrees to: (i) offer services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms and (ii) advertise the availability of such services. In its First Report and Order implementing Sections 214(e) and 254, the FCC set forth the services a carrier must provide to be designated as an ETC in order to receive federal universal support.
5. Section 214(e)(1) of the Act provides that ETC designation shall be made for a "service area" designated by the state commission. In areas served by a non-rural company, the state commission may establish an ETC service area for a competitor without federal concurrence.

IV. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections offers the supported services to Qualify for Federal USF Support

6. Section 214(e)(1) of the Act and section 54.201(d) of the FCC's rules provide that carriers designated as ETCs shall, throughout their service area, (1) offer the services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms either using their own facilities or a combination of their own

7. facilities and resale of another carrier's services and (2) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution. 47 USC 214(e); CFR 54.201(d). The services which are supported by the federal USF are:
 - 1) voice grade access to the public switched network;
 - 2) local usage;
 - 3) dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent;
 - 4) single-party service or its functional equivalent;
 - 5) access to emergency services;
 - 6) access to operator services;
 - 7) access to interexchange service;
 - 8) access to directory assistance; and
 - 9) toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers

47 CFR 54.101(a)

8. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections is contracted to lease Unbundled Network Elements in the areas served by BellSouth, Sprint, & Verizon in the State of Florida. Where Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections leases Unbundled Network Elements, they are considered a facilities based provider according to FCC Order 97-157.

V. Statement of Need

Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections is licensed as a competitive local exchange carrier with the State of Florida. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections will service many residents of the State of Florida who are on a limited income and public assistance. Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections understands that it must offer the Florida Telephone Assistance Program to its customers that qualify for the program. Coastal Telephone Connection, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections is requesting ETC designation in order to obtain reimbursement of its costs to comply with this rule.

VI. Grant of Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections Application would serve the public interest


9. By granting ETC designation to Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Connections, this Commission will greatly benefit the people of Florida who qualify by lowering their telephone bills and allowing more money for other needs of these citizens and their families.

Wherefore, pursuant to Section 214(2)(2) of the Act, Coastal Telephone Connection, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections respectfully request that the Commission enter an Order designating Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections as an ETC for the State of Florida.

Respectfully Submitted

Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections

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Amendment 1

VII. Areas of Service by Coastal Telephone Connections, Inc d/b/a Coastal Connections

10. Those areas that will be designated to be served by Coastal shall be the following counties:

(p)=Part of the county will be served.

Alachua	Bay	Bradford(p)	Brevard
Broward	Charlotte	Citrus	Clay(p)
Collier	Columbia	Dade	DeSoto
Dixie	Duval	Escambia(p)	Flagler
Gadsden(p)	Gilchrist(p)	Glades	Hardee
Hendry	Hernando	Highlands	Hillsborough
Holmes	Indian River	Jackson	Jefferson
Lake	Lee	Leon	Madison
Manatee	Marion(p)	Martin(p)	Monroe
Nassau(p)	Okaloosa(p)	Okeechobee	Osceola
Palm Beach	Pasco	Pinellas	Polk
Santa Rosa	Sarasota	Seminole	St. Johns(p)
St. Lucie	Sumter	Volusia	Wakula
Walton(p)	Washington		

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Duval
Escambia (Part)
Flagler
Gadsden (p)
Gilchrist (p)
Glades
Hardee
Hendry
Hernando
Highlands
Hillsborough
Holmes
Indian River
Jackson
Jefferson
Lake
Lee
Leon
Madison
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Okaloosa (p)
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