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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20210110-TP

Petition for designation as
eligible telecommunications
carrier (ETC) in the State of
Florida, by AB Indiana LLC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 1

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Thursday, July 8, 2021

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Next up Item No. 1, Ms.
3 Weisenfeld.

4 MS. WEISENFELD: Good morning, Commissioners.
5 Ashley Weisenfeld with Commission Staff.

6 Item No. 1 is staff's recommendation on the
7 petition for designation as an eligible
8 telecommunications carrier, or ETC, filed by AB
9 Indiana, LLC.

10 Staff recommends that the Commission does not
11 have jurisdiction to grant AB Indiana, LLC, ETC
12 status in Florida, and that the company should
13 apply directly to the FCC for ETC designation.

14 Staff is available for any questions.

15 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Weisenfeld.
16 Commissioners, do you have any of questions?
17 Commissioner Fay.

18 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 I appreciate the data that was provided
20 regarding the various companies that have come
21 before on this. I know that this is a large chunk
22 of money for rural broadband, and I think that our
23 role has been one consistently of denying these
24 that come before us, to allow the FCC to have
25 jurisdiction, but just so I understand, the item

1 that's in front of us, is this the last -- this is
2 the last utility that will come before us regarding
3 these funds?

4 MS. WEISENFELD: Thank you for the question,
5 Commissioner. And, yes, that is my understanding.

6 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. Great.

7 And then can you just confirm -- it looked
8 like, looking at the data, Mediacom was the only
9 entity that didn't have some -- some alternative
10 jurisdiction approval already that didn't come
11 before us, but is going before the FCC?

12 MS. WEISENFELD: Yes. It is my understanding
13 that Mediacom applied directly with the FCC for ETC
14 designation.

15 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. Great. So we don't
16 anticipate any issues, since the deadline is
17 closing, for that entity that hasn't come before
18 us?

19 MS. WEISENFELD: I don't, but I will defer to
20 technical staff just to confirm that.

21 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great.

22 MS. DE AYALA: Good morning, Commissioners.
23 Yes, Mediacom has got their ETC designation from
24 the FCC.

25 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay.

1 MS. DE AYALA: So we don't have any other
2 coming.

3 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you. Yeah, I
4 just want to make sure. We -- sometimes when you
5 read these recommendations, and we are -- we are
6 denying their request, it appears that we are -- we
7 are getting in the way of this, but I think it's
8 quite the opposite. They need to go to the FCC for
9 their approval.

10 That answers all my questions. So with that,
11 Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of staff
12 recommendation on Item 1.

13 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion.

14 Do I have second? Do I have a second?

15 We have a motion and a second to approve staff
16 recommendation on Item No. 1.

17 Any discussion from the Commission?

18 All in favor say aye.

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN CLARK: The motion carries.

23 All right. That includes -- concludes our
24 Agenda items for the day.

25 Again, let me say thank you to everyone who

1 came out today. It's great to see a live studio
2 audience again. It's kind of a new treat for us, a
3 lot of -- a lot of faces we haven't seen in a long
4 time, but it's great to have you all back with us,
5 and look forward our live hearings from this point
6 on.

7 Also, Commissioner La Rosa, do you have any
8 comments? Thank you for being able to join us this
9 morning as well.

10 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: No, I am good. Thank
11 you, Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Any other
13 comments from any Commissioners?

14 All right. We will stand adjourned.

15 We will reconvene for the hearing in -- how
16 many minutes do you need, Dave? Dave says 10
17 minutes. We will give him nine. You got nine
18 minutes, Dave.

19 Thank you very much. We are adjourned.

20 (Agenda item concluded.)

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