### **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

- TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER COMMISSIONER RAPER COMMISSIONER ANDERSON COMMISSION SECRETARY COMMISSION STAFF LEGAL
- FROM: MATT HUNTER DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
- DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

# SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF ENVISION NETWORKS LLC'S ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 529; CASE NO. ENL-T-20-01.

Envision Networks LLC ("Company") holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") No. 529. Commission Staff believes the Company has failed to comply with Order No. 34443, and therefore recommends the Commission commence proceedings directing the Company to show cause why it remains eligible for a CPCN.

### BACKGROUND

On September 17, 2019, the Commission approved the Company's application for a CPCN, subject to several conditions. One of the conditions is:

The Company must provide three reports to the Commission indicating the number of basic local exchange customers it has and the services being offered. These reports will be due on: January 15, 2020; May 15, 2020; and September 15, 2020. If the Company fails to provide the three reports, the Company shall relinquish its CPCN and all telephone numbers.

Order No. 34443 at 2.

On October 24, 2019, the Commission issued the Company CPCN No. 529. To date, the Company has failed to file the first two reports.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission commence a proceeding directing the Company to show cause why it remains eligible to hold a CPCN. Having not received either of the required reports, Staff believes the Company has not met the condition quoted above, and therefore the

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Company must relinquish its CPCN. The reporting requirement is not purposeless; a Title 62 telephone corporation is only eligible for a CPCN if it provides basic local exchange service. *See* Order Nos. 26665 and 34130. The reports are designed to confirm that the Company is indeed providing basic local exchange service. The Company has provided no evidence it provides this service.

Staff believes Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204, is appropriate for this proceeding and affords ample due process to the Company. The inquiry is a simple one: does the Company meet the eligibility requirements for a CPCN? Staff believes a formal hearing is unnecessary to answer this question. If, however, the Company wants a formal hearing, it may request one. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Complaint and Modified Procedure, directing the Company and any interested persons to provide any written comments to Staff's Complaint by October 15, 2020. Staff also recommends the Commission direct Staff to provide any reply comments by October 29, 2020.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to:

- Issue a Notice of Complaint and Modified Procedure, setting an October 15, 2020 comment deadline for the Company and any interested persons, and an October 29, 2020 reply comment deadline for Staff?
- 2. If not, does the Commission wish to:
  - a. Issue a Notice of Complaint;
  - b. Order the Company to appear before the Commission to show cause why the Company remains eligible to hold a CPCN; and
  - c. Set a date for the show-cause hearing?

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