Decision No. C23-0551

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0362T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROGGEN ENTERPRISES BROADBAND LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CPCN) TO PROVIDE PART IV SERVICES (4CCR 723-2-2103).

COMMISSION DECISION DEEMING APPLICATION COMPLTETE AND GRANTING THE APPLICATION

Mailed Date:

August 25, 2023

Adopted Date: August 23, 2023

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement

1. By this Decision, we grant the application of Roggen Enterprises Broadband LLC

(Roggen) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide Part IV

services in Colorado, as discussed below.

B. Background

2. On July 6, 2023, Roggen filed an Application for a CPCN to provide Part IV

services. Roggen represents in its application its plan on utilizing wireless broadband

technologies, as well as fiber optic broadband technologies to provide voice services. The

company's application includes a service map covering Weld and Adams counties, with a focus on

Keenesburg and Hudson. The application was made pursuant to Rule 2103 of the Rules Regulating

Telecommunications Services and Providers of Telecommunications Services, 4 Code of Colorado

Regulations (CCR) 723-2.

3. On July 13, 2023, notice of the Application was provided to all persons, firms, or corporations, interested in, or affected by the grant or denial of the request. Interventions were due on or before August 14, 2023. No interventions were received in this proceeding.

C. Discussion

- 4. No one has filed an intervention opposing the Application. We, therefore, find that the Application is unopposed and consider it without a formal hearing pursuant to § 406-109(5), C.R.S.
- 5. The Commission modified its Rules Regulating Telecommunications Services and Providers of Telecommunications Services, 4 CCR 723-2 (Proceeding No. 16R-0453T, with an effective date of September 1, 2017). The modified rules allow providers offering Part IV services under § 40-15-401, C.R.S., to apply to the Commission to obtain a CPCN. No CPCN is required for services classified in Part IV of Article 15 of Title 40 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Pursuant to § 40-15-503.5, C.R.S., and Commission Rule 2111, 4 CCR 723-2, the Commission may require an applicant requesting an operating authority to post a bond or provide other security as a condition of obtaining a Commission operating authority.
- 6. With the issuance of this authority, Roggen must: comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements pursuant to Rule 2103(a)(XVI), 4 CCR 723-2.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. Roggen Enterprises Broadband LLC is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide Part IV services statewide.
 - 2. Roggen is not required to create and provide tariffs to the Commission.

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- 3. Roggen shall not unjustly discriminate among customers in the same class of service, per Commission Rule 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-2-2103.
- 4. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, Roggen will be required to contribute, as prescribed by statute, rule, or order of the Commission, based on the entirety of its intrastate services regardless of the technology, to the Public Utilities Commission's Telecommunications Utilities Fund, the Colorado High-Cost Support Mechanism, the Colorado Telephone Users Disabilities Fund, the Statewide 9-1-1 Surcharge Trust Cash Fund, the Statewide 9-8-8 Surcharge, and other financial support mechanisms that may be created in the future by the Commission to implement §§ 4015-502(4) and (5), C.R.S.
- 5. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

6. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING August 23, 2023



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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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