Decision No. C21-0295-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 21A-0170T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONEXON CONNECT LLC FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PHASE I SUPPORT AND LIFELINE SUPPORT.

INTERIM DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR SHORTENED NOTICE AND INTERVENTION PERIOD

Mailed Date:

May 14, 2021

Adopted Date:

May 12, 2021

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

A. Statement

1. This Decision establishes a shortened notice and intervention period for the

application filed May 4, 2021, by Conexon Connect, LLC (Conexon), and waives any remaining

response time to Conexon's motion seeking this relief.

2. Requests for and any notices of intervention by right shall be filed by May 21,

2021.

B. Discussion

3. In its Motion for Shortened Notice and Intervention Period and Request for

Waiver of Response Time (Motion), Conexon explains why a shortened notice and intervention

timeline is appropriate for its application. This is Conexon's second application filed with this

Commission. The first was dismissed because it sought Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

(ETC) designation for service on both tribal land and non-tribal land in Colorado. After

dismissal, Conexon bifurcated its applications. First, it filed an application for ETC designation

in tribal areas with the Federal Communications Commission, and then it filed this application regarding certain non-tribal areas in Colorado. The company explains that time is of the essence now, as this Commission must decide its application by June 7, 2021 or Conexon will risk losing federal support funding.

- 4. Given the upcoming deadline, Conexon also asks that this Commission waive response time to its Motion.
- 5. Conexon seeks a ten-day notice and intervention period, and notes that because its prior application was noticed and addressed by the Commission, no potential party will be harmed.
- 6. We agree with Conexon that under these circumstances shortening the notice and intervention period to ten days is appropriate. And, for the same reason, we waive any remaining response time to Conexon's Motion.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

- 1. The Motion for Shortened Notice and Intervention Period and Waiver of Response Time filed on May 4, 2021 by Conexon Connect, LLC, is granted.
 - 2. The notice and intervention period shall expire at 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2021.
 - 3. This Decision is effective on its mailed date.

Doug Dean, Director

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING May 12, 2021.

