

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

COMPUTER 5, INC. d/b/a LOCALTEL
COMMUNICATIONS and d/b/a SKYFI
WIRELESS INTERNET

For Relinquishment of its
High-Cost [CAF-II & RDOF-I]
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Designations Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4).

DOCKET UT-250013

ORDER 01

GRANTING RELINQUISHMENT
OF HIGH-COST ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER DESIGNATIONS FOR
ALL AREAS SERVED BY
COMPUTER 5, INC.

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 8, 2025, Computer 5, Inc. d/b/a LocalTel Communications and d/b/a SkyFI Wireless Internet (Computer 5, Inc. or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) its Notification and Petition for Relinquishment of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designations Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) (Petition).
- 2 The Commission had previously designated Computer 5, Inc. in Docket UT-180763 as a High-Cost ETC twice on (a) January 31, 2019, in Order 01 (for the CAF-II Auction), and (b) May 20, 2021, in Order 02 (for the RDOF-I Auction).
- 3 In its current Notification and Petition, Computer 5, Inc. seeks to relinquish both of its ETC designations in Washington, effective March 31, 2025. This determination is based on the transaction consummated on September 30, 2024, between the Company and Ziplly Wireless, LLC (CAF-II) and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC (RDOF-I) acquisition of the respective Computer 5, Inc. operations.
- 4 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed Computer 5, Inc.’s Petition and supporting documents; and the Commission has authorized the respective acquisitions in Docket

Numbers UT-240183 and UT-240233.¹ Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the Company’s Petition in Docket Number UT-250013 in order to effectively complete and close out this process. Staff submits that Zippy Wireless, LLC and Zippy Fiber Northwest, LLC will now be obligated to fulfill the CAF-II and RDOF-I responsibilities and receive the associated support from the FCC’s High-Cost (Connect America) Fund.

5 Staff commends Computer 5, Inc. for its service to customers in the State of Washington and expects Zippy Wireless, LLC and Zippy Fiber Northwest to continue that service.

DISCUSSION

6 We agree with Staff’s recommendation and grant Computer 5, Inc.’s Petition. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), a state commission may permit an ETC to relinquish its designation as such a carrier where a replacement ETC(s) is (are) in place to ensure that all customers are served in the service areas at issue.

7 Computer 5, Inc.’s Petition meets the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4). Because the transactions with Zippy Wireless, LLC and Zippy Fiber Northwest, LLC were recently consummated on September 30, 2024, these new ETCs in these markets will be able to ensure that all customers and locations will be served in the respective service areas.

8 Computer 5, Inc. requests that the Commission grant this Petition with an effective date of March 31, 2025. The statute in question, 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), merely requires that the Company provide the Commission “advance notice” of its intent to relinquish an ETC designation. Because Computer 5, Inc.’s Petition satisfies the statute’s requirements and the requested effective date is subsequent to the date of the Petition, the Commission grants the Company’s requested effective date.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

9 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction over eligible telecommunications carriers in Washington and the subject matter of this Order pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a) and WAC 480-07-370(3).

¹ Open meeting on July 25, 2024, intrastate orders granting petitions in Dockets UT-240183 and UT-240233. Formerly, on July 18, 2024, the FCC had also authorized these transfers on an interstate and international basis.

- 10 (2) The Commission has designated Computer 5, Inc. an ETC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1), 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d) and WAC 480-123-030.
- 11 (3) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), Computer 5, Inc. is permitted to relinquish its ETC designation with advance notice to the Commission.
- 12 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2025.
- 13 (5) After reviewing Computer 5, Inc.'s Petition and giving due consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission grants Computer 5, Inc.'s Petition and allows the Company to relinquish its ETC designations effective March 31, 2025.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) Computer 5, Inc. d/b/a LocalTel Communications and d/b/a SkyFI Wireless Internet's Petition is granted, and Computer 5, Inc. d/b/a LocalTel Communications and d/b/a SkyFI Wireless Internet is allowed to relinquish its ETC designations as set forth in paragraph 13, above.
- 15 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Computer 5, Inc. d/b/a LocalTel Communications and d/b/a SkyFI Wireless Internet to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- 16 (3) The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, February 28, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary