

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 150165-TX

REQUEST FOR RELINQUISHMENT OF
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER (ETC) DESIGNATION IN
FLORIDA, BY FLATEL, INC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 7

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER JIMMY PATRONIS

DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2015

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Okay. Item No. 7.

3 **MR. CASEY:** Good morning, Commissioners.
4 Bob Casey on behalf of staff.

5 Item No. 7 addresses FLATEL, Inc.'s
6 request to relinquish its ETC certification in the
7 State of Florida. FLATEL believes that the future
8 for Lifeline customers is through wireless
9 providers, and it has a wireless ETC petition for
10 Florida pending at the FCC.

11 Federal rules allow an ETC to relinquish
12 its ETC designation, provided that the state
13 commission ensures that existing Lifeline customers
14 are served by other ETCs. The requirement to
15 protect existing customers is moot in this instance
16 since FLATEL has indicated it has no existing
17 Lifeline customers. Therefore, staff recommends
18 that the Commission grant FLATEL's request for
19 relinquishment of its landline ETC designation in
20 AT&T's and Verizon's non-rural service areas in
21 Florida without prejudice.

22 We're available for questions.

23 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Okay. Commissioners,
24 any questions of staff?

25 **COMMISSIONER PATRONIS:** Move staff.

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COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Second.

CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and seconded, staff recommendation on Item No. 7. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

(Vote taken.)

Any opposed? By your action, you've approved the staff rec on Item No. 7.

Staff, thank you very much.

(Agenda item concluded.)

1 STATE OF FLORIDA)
2 COUNTY OF LEON) : CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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5 Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing
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18 DATED THIS 3rd day of September, 2015.

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