BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )
FREEDOMSTARR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )
FOR AUTHORITY TO ABANDON COMPETITIVE ) PSC DOCKET NO. 11-284
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )
SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF DELAWARE )
(FILED JUNE 17, 2011) )

ORDER NO. 8002

AND NOW, to-wit, this 12th day of July, 2011;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2011, FreedomStarr Communications, Inc. (“FreedomStarr”), filed an application seeking authority to abandon competitive intrastate telecommunications services within the State of Delaware (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, FreedomStarr was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (a “CPCN”), pursuant to Rule 7 of the PSC “Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services,” to provide competitive intrastate telecommunications services by PSC Order No. 5390 (March 28, 2000) in PSC Docket No. 99-673; and

WHEREAS, 26 Del. C. § 203A(c)(1) prohibits regulated public utilities from abandoning or discontinuing their business, operations, or services provided under a CPCN without first having received Commission approval; and

WHEREAS, by the Application, FreedomStarr seeks approval of its abandonment under section 203A (c)(1) and an order of the Commission canceling and terminating its CPCN; and

WHEREAS, in support of its Application, FreedomStarr notes that it has no competitive intrastate customers in Delaware and no outstanding
liabilities to any Delaware customers in the form of deposits or prepayments for any of its services; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has determined that applications to terminate CPCNs granted to provide competitive intrastate telecommunications services should be routinely approved upon the filing of a verified application and that, in a competitive market, such abandonment or discontinuance is presumptively reasonable, necessary, and not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That, upon the express condition that the representations in the verified application of FreedomStarr Communications, Inc. are true and correct, said application to abandon the provision of competitive intrastate telecommunications services as a public utility filed by FreedomStarr Communications, Inc. is hereby granted and approved effective with the date of this Order.


3. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae
Chair
/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary