



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

September 1, 2020

Petition of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service

ORDER

On March 4, 2015, American Broadband and Telecommunications Company (“American Broadband”) filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101-54.207. On July 23, 2020, the Department issued a Notice to all carriers with pending ETC petitions, including American Broadband, seeking affirmation from each such carrier that it remains interested in the Department’s review of its petition. The Notice stated: “The pending petition of any carrier that does not respond by August 24, 2020, will be denied without prejudice.” American Broadband did not respond to the Notice by the deadline. Accordingly, the Department denies without prejudice American Broadband’s March 4, 2015, petition for ETC designation.

By Order of the Department,

/s/ _____
Karen Charles Peterson
Commissioner

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5, and G.L. c. 166A, § 2, an appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the Department may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition asking that the Order of the Department be modified or set aside in whole or in part. Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Department within twenty (20) days after the date of service of the decision, order, or ruling of the Department, or within such further time as the Department may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of the twenty (20) days after the date of service of said decision, order, or ruling. Within ten (10) days after such petition has been filed, the appealing party shall enter the appeal in the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk by filing a copy thereof with the Clerk of said Court. Appeals of Department Orders on basic service tier cable rates, associated equipment, or whether a franchising authority has acted consistently with the federal Cable Act may also be brought pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.944.