

Department Seeks Public Comments Regarding Acquisition of Burlington Telecom by Champlain Broadband

On February 26, 2018, Champlain Broadband, LLC, the City of Burlington d/b/a Burlington Telecom, and Blue Water Holdings, LLC (the “Joint Petitioners”) filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission for approval pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §109, 231, 504, 47 U.S.C. §214(e), and Section 438(c)(1) of the City of Burlington Charter of a transaction in which Champlain Broadband proposes to acquire Burlington Telecom’s assets.

The Commission has opened Case No. 18-0491-PET to consider the petition and review the details of the acquisition. The Department of Public Service encourages consumers to follow the proceeding on the PUC website. The public will be able to read more about the case, by using the PUC’s website at: <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/case-and-document-search>. Helpful hint – if you create an account, you’ll be able to see more details and view documents filed in the case.

The Department of Public Service is a party to the proceeding. The Department does not anticipate any major changes to current service offerings if the transaction is approved. Burlington Telecom will remain bound by its current regulatory responsibilities during the regulatory review process. Burlington Telecom will continue to submit required reports and work with the Department to resolve consumer complaints. We want to hear your opinions about this case. Your comments will help inform our review of the proposed transaction.

Get Involved – Public Participation Matters

Make yourself heard by calling or emailing the Department of Public Service to let us know what you think about the proposed acquisition. Here’s how to contact the Department:
 Consumer Affairs & Public Information
 Vermont Department of Public Service
 112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620-2601
 800-622-4496

psd.consumer@vermont.gov

Public Comments

You can make a formal comment on the case by attending and speaking at a hearing convened by the Public Utility Commission. Comments may also be filed via the Commission’s electronic portal at <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/make-filing> or by writing to:
 Clerk of the Commission
 Public Utility Commission
 112 State Street
 Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Public Hearing May 9, 2018

Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, City Hall, Burlington, VT 05401

Learn more about the Case

6:00 P.M. the Vermont Department of Public Service will host a presentation by the Joint Petitioners. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

Attend the Public Hearing and Make a Formal Comment in this Case

7:00 P.M. the Vermont Public Utility Commission will hold a public hearing in PUC Case No. 18-0491-PET – Joint petition of Champlain Broadband, LLC, City of Burlington d/b/a Burlington Telecom, and Blue Water Holdings LLC.

Useful Web Links

To learn more about participating in the Public Utility Commission process, see more information at:

<http://puc.vermont.gov/public-participation>

See the Department’s website for more information: <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/>