

September 21, 2018

Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 18-240; Renewal of Section 63.63 Application of Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 3, 2018, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Claro ("PRTC") filed an application in the above referenced proceeding for emergency authorization under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), to temporarily discontinue PRTC's wireline interstate telecommunications services in certain areas of Puerto Rico where Hurricanes Irma and Maria damaged PRTC's copper facilities. The attachment to the Application identified the specific network nodes where PRTC determined that the copper infrastructure suffered irreparable or significant damage as a direct result of the hurricanes.

As the Commission is aware, PRTC has faced unique challenges as the incumbent local exchange carrier in restoring telecommunications service in Puerto Rico. While PRTC has continued to make progress in restoring service, offering temporary alternatives to its customers, and identifying permanent solutions to restore service in the affected areas identified in the Application, it requires additional time to start implementing these solutions (which will include the deployment of new technologies) and comply with any notification requirements and/or requests for authorizations that may be necessary under the Commission's rules.

PRTC requests that the Commission accept this filing and extend the temporary authorization for emergency discontinuation of service for six months. During the requested period PRTC will be keeping the Commission informed of its progress and identifying those affected areas in which a permanent solution has been deployed that offers comparable service.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Eduardo R. Guzmán*

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