ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO AND MEANS OF CONDUCTING THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING IN LIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Because of the declared public health emergency\(^1\) associated with the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), also known as SARS-CoV-2, and because it has been advised that gatherings of people in close proximity may facilitate the spread of the disease, the Commission has determined that it is in the public interest to mitigate the transmission and impact of COVID-19, and that good cause exists to issue an order addressing public access to the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding pursuant to Commission Rule 3.41(a), 16 C.F.R. § 3.41(a) and providing that that hearing be conducted electronically. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

(1) the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding will take place virtually via video conferencing; and

(2) public access to the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding, to the extent permitted by any in camera orders, shall be allowed only via telephone or live web streaming, in either instance, only for monitoring purposes.

By the Commission.

April J. Tabor
Secretary

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ISSUED: August 12, 2021