

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc.
File No.: EB-IHD-23-00035416
CD Acct. No.: 202432080013
FRN: 0001731470

ORDER

Adopted: May 14, 2024

Released: May 14, 2024

By the Chief, Enforcement Bureau:

1. The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) has entered into a Consent Decree to resolve its investigation into whether Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a Claro and Claro Puerto Rico (PRTC or Company) connected and operated two additional cable landing stations on the América Móvil Submarine Cable System without prior Commission authorization. To settle this matter, the Company admits that it violated the Commission’s rules and the Cable Landing License Act of 1921 as described in the Consent Decree, will implement a compliance plan, and will pay a \$1,000,000 civil penalty.

2. After reviewing the terms of the Consent Decree and evaluating the facts before us, we find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Consent Decree and terminating the investigation regarding the Company’s compliance with the Cable Landing License Act of 1921<sup>1</sup> and section 1.767<sup>2</sup> of the Commission’s rules.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and the authority delegated by sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311, the attached Consent Decree IS ADOPTED and its terms incorporated by reference.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-captioned matter IS TERMINATED in accordance with the terms of the attached Consent Decree.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order and Consent Decree shall be sent by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Edgar Class, Esq., and Wayne D. Johnsen, Esq., Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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1 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39.

2 47 CFR § 1.767.