

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX CREDITS  
UNDER THE QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT OF 2015

August 22, 2016

**WHEREAS:** The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the "Corporation") was created and exists as a public corporation, governmental agency and public instrumentality of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (the "State") under Chapter 64 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended (the "Enabling Act"); and

**WHEREAS:** Chapter 48.3 of Title 44 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the "Act"), as amended, authorizes the Corporation to approve the issuance of tax credits in relation to the creation of new jobs in the State; and

**WHEREAS:** The Corporation promulgated rules and regulations (the "Rules") governing the tax credit program established by the Act; and

**WHEREAS:** The Corporation's Investment Committee has reviewed and considered the proposed issuance of tax credits to Granite Telecommunications, LLC (the "Recipient") and has voted to recommend to the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Corporation the approval of the tax credits; and

**WHEREAS:** The Board of the Corporation received a presentation and a recommendation from the staff of the Corporation to approve the issuance of tax credits to the Recipient in accordance with the Act and the Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, acting by and through its Board, the Corporation hereby resolves as follows:

**RESOLVED:**

1. To accomplish the purposes of the Enabling Act and the Act, the Corporation approves the issuance tax credits to the Recipient pursuant to the schedule annexed hereto as Exhibit 1, not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) per new full-time job annually.
2. The authorization provided herein is subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The execution of an incentive agreement between the Corporation and the Recipient meeting the requirements of the Act and the Rules in such form as one of the Authorized Officers (hereinafter defined) shall deem appropriate in the sole discretion of such Officer;

- b. The creation of not less than the minimum required new full-time jobs under the Act, which earn no less than the median hourly wage as most recently reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the State of Rhode Island; and
  - c. Such additional conditions as any of the Authorized Officers, acting singly, shall deem appropriate in the sole discretion of such Officer.
3. The Board of the Corporation hereby finds and determines that: (i) the approval will prevent, eliminate, or reduce unemployment or underemployment in the State and will generally benefit economic development of the State; (ii) that, to the extent applicable, the provisions of RIGL § 42-64-10(a)(1)(ii) through (v) have been satisfied; (iii) that the Recipient has demonstrated an intention to create the requisite number of new full-time jobs; and (iv) the creation of the new full-time jobs would not occur in the State but for the provision of the tax credits.
4. Prior to the execution of an incentive agreement with the Recipient, the Corporation shall prepare and publicly release an analysis of the impact that the issuance of the tax credits will or may have on the State considering the factors set forth in RIGL § 42-64-10(a)(2) (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit 2).
5. The Authorized Officers of the Corporation for purposes of this Resolution are the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary of Commerce, the President & COO, the Chief Financial Officer or the Managing Director, Head of Investments (the "Authorized Officers"). Any one of the Authorized Officers of the Corporation, acting singly, is hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver and/or cause to be executed, acknowledged or delivered any documents necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions authorized herein with such changes, insertions, additions, alterations and omissions as may be approved by any such Authorized Officers, and execution thereof by any of the Authorized Officers shall be conclusive as to the authority of such Authorized Officers to act on behalf of the Corporation. The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, and each, acting singly, is hereby authorized to affix a seal of the Corporation on any of the documents authorized herein and to attest to the same.
6. All covenants, stipulations, and obligations and agreements of the Corporation contained in this Resolution and the documents authorized herein shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Corporation to the full extent authorized and permitted by law and such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be binding upon any board or party to which any powers and duties affecting such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be transferred by and in accordance with the law. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, all rights, powers and privileges conferred and duties and liabilities imposed upon the Corporation or the members thereof, by the provisions of this Resolution and the documents authorized herein shall be exercised and performed by the Corporation, or by such members, officers, board or body as may be required by law to exercise such powers and perform such duties.

7. From and after the execution and delivery of the documents hereinabove authorized, any one of the Authorized Officers, acting singly, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all such acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all such documents, including, but not limited to, any and all amendments to the documents, certificates, instruments and agreements hereinabove authorized, as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the transaction authorized herein.
8. All acts of the Authorized Officers which are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and the execution, delivery and approval and performance of such documents authorized hereby and all prior actions taken in connection herewith are, ratified, approved and confirmed.