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Docket No. 35701

In Re: Application of Boomerang Wireless, LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on a Wireless Basis

ORDER AMENDING ETC DESIGNATION

I. Background

On December 4, 2014, the Georgia Public Service Commission designated Boomerang, LLC d/b/a Boomerang Wireless d/b/a enTouch Wireless ("Boomerang") as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC").

On May 21, 2015, the Commission amended Boomerang's ETC designation to include a reporting requirement.

On August 17, 2016, the Commission approved Boomerang's request to amend its ETC designation to include the AT&T Mobility wire centers subject to the condition that Boomerang use AT&T Mobility as its underlying carrier for all customers located within the additional wire centers served by AT&T Mobility but not by Boomerang's other underlying carrier, Sprint.

On March 8, 2017, the Commission granted a request by Boomerang to continue serving certain former customers of Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile ("Budget Prepay").

On July 1, 2022, Boomerang filed an Application to Expand Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service Area, in which it requested that the Commission expand Boomerang's previously authorized service area to include the wire centers in which T-Mobile South LLC ("T-Mobile") was found to have sufficient coverage in Docket No. 32967[1]. The Application to Expand Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service Area was approved by the Commission on August 22, 2022 subject to the condition that Boomerang use T-Mobile as its underlying carrier for all customers located within the wire centers served by T-Mobile but not by Boomerang's other underlying carriers, Sprint and AT&T Mobility.

[1] *Application of T-Mobile South LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934*

On July 18, 2023, Boomerang filed its Application Seeking Partial Relinquishment of Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on a Wireless Basis (Low-Income Only) in a Certain Service Area Previously Served by Underlying Carrier Verizon Wireless and Removal of AT&T Mobility as an Underlying Carrier ("Application"). Boomerang states that, "As a result of a new MVNE arrangement, Boomerang no longer utilizes the Verizon Wireless and AT&T Mobility networks as underlying carriers." *Application, p. 3.* As noted above, the Commission granted Boomerang the authority to continue to serve 8,317 former customers of Budget Prepay on the Verizon Wireless network. Boomerang states that only 28 customers currently remain on the Verizon Wireless platform and that there are currently no subscribers on the AT&T Mobility platform. *Id. at 3.* Boomerang therefore requests partial relinquishment of its ETC designation to eliminate the authority granted in the March 8, 2017 order to serve certain customers using Verizon Wireless and also to eliminate AT&T Mobility as an underlying carrier. Boomerang states that "The effect of this proposed relinquishment will be to allow the remaining customers on the Verizon Wireless platform to transfer to a platform served by Boomerang's other underlying carrier, T-Mobile, or to another qualified ETC in the state of Georgia." *Id. at 2.*

Boomerang provided evidence that it meets the requirements for relinquishment of an ETC designation set forth in 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4). *Id. at 3-5.* Boomerang also provided draft notices that affected customers will receive 60 days, 45 days, 30 days, 15 days, and 5 days in advance of its preferred relinquishment date of October 8. *Id. at 6.*

II. Staff Recommendation

The Staff reviewed the Application and recommended that the Commission grant Boomerang's request to relinquish its authority to serve the former customers of Budget Mobile using the Verizon Wireless platform effective October 8, 2023. Staff further recommends that the Commission grant Boomerang's request to remove Verizon Wireless and AT&T Mobility as underlying carriers effective October 8, 2023.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission finds the Staff's recommendation reasonable and hereby adopts it.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that, effective October 8, 2023, Boomerang's request to relinquish its authority to serve the former customers of Budget Mobile using the Verizon Wireless platform is granted.

ORDERED FURTHER, that, effective October 8, 2023, Boomerang's request to remove Verizon Wireless and AT&T Mobility as underlying carriers is granted.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 5th day of September 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

9-6-23
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Jason Shaw
Chairman

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