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ORDER AMENDING ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATIONS

I. Background

In Docket No. 32967, the Commission set a standard whereby an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") must serve 40% of a wire center in order for that wire center to be considered served. This standard was applied to all ETCs, including those that resell the services of the three major wireless carriers.

At the request of Staff, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless")[1], Assurance Wireless USA d/b/a Assurance Wireless on behalf of T-Mobile USA, Inc ("T-Mobile USA")[2], and BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Georgia on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC ("AT&T Mobility")[3] filed lists of the counties in Georgia in which Verizon, T-Mobile USA, and AT&T Mobility, respectively, serve 40% or more of the population. All three of the major wireless carriers meet the 40% requirement in each of Georgia's 159 counties.

[1] See document number 217157.
[2] See document number 218617.
[3] See document number 219061.

Although counties are not the same as wire centers, it is clear that all three of the major wireless carriers provide near universal coverage in Georgia.

II. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended that the Commission amend the ETC designations of those ETCs that resell the services of the three major wireless carriers to include all 159 counties in Georgia. This amendment should be conditioned upon the use of AT&T Mobility, T-Mobile USA, and/or Verizon Wireless as underlying carrier(s). The use of any other underlying carrier(s) in Georgia will require separate approval by the Commission.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the eligible telecommunications carrier designations of the carriers listed above are hereby amended to grant authority in the counties listed in Attachment 1 to this order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the authority to provide service in the counties listed in Attachment 1 is conditioned upon the use of AT&T Mobility, T-Mobile USA, and/or Verizon Wireless as underlying carrier(s). The use of any other underlying carrier(s) in Georgia will require separate approval by the Commission.

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 November 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

11-22-24
DATE

Jason Shaw
Chairman

11-22-24
DATE

ATTACHMENT 1

COUNTIES

Appling
Atkinson
Bacon
Baker
Baldwin
Banks
Barrow
Bartow
Ben Hill
Berrien
Bibb
Bleckley
Brantley
Brooks
Bryan
Bulloch
Burke
Butts
Calhoun
Camden
Candler
Carroll
Catoosa
Charlton
Chatham
Chattahoochee
Chattooga
Cherokee
Clarke
Clay
Clayton
Clinch
Cobb
Coffee
Colquitt
Columbia
Cook
Coweta
Crawford
Crisp
Dade
Dawson
Decatur
De Kalb
Dodge
Dooly
Dougherty
Douglas
Early
Echols
Effingham
Elbert
Emanuel
Evans
Fannin
Fayette
Floyd
Forsyth
Franklin
Fulton
Gilmer
Glascock
Glynn
Gordon
Grady
Greene
Gwinnett
Habersham
Hall
Hancock
Haralson
Harris
Hart
Heard
Henry
Houston
Irwin
Jackson
Jasper
Jeff Davis
Jefferson
Jenkins
Johnson
Jones
Lamar
Lanier
Laurens
Lee
Liberty
Lincoln
Long
Lowndes
Lumpkin
Mcduffie
Mcintosh
Macon
Madison
Marion
Meriwether
Miller
Mitchell
Monroe
Montgomery
Morgan
Murray
Muscogee
Newton
Oconee
Oglethorpe
Paulding
Peach
Pickens
Pierce
Pike
Polk
Pulaski
Putnam
Quitman
Rabun
Randolph
Richmond
Rockdale
Schley
Screven
Seminole
Spalding
Stephens
Stewart
Sumter
Talbot
Taliaferro
Tattnall
Taylor
Telfair
Terrell
Thomas
Tift
Toombs
Towns
Treutlen
Troup
Turner
Twiggs
Union
Upson
Walker
Walton
Ware
Warren
Washington
Wayne
Webster
Wheeler
White
Whitfield
Wilcox
Wilkes
Wilkinson
Worth