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Docket No. 31297

In Re: Petition of Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Georgia

ORDER AMENDING ETC DESIGNATION

I. Background

On March 17, 2011, the Georgia Public Service Commission granted Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline service. On June 23, 2020, the Commission approved the company's motion to amend its ETC designation to reflect its name change to "Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. d/b/a Assurance Wireless" ("Assurance Wireless").

Assurance Wireless's 2011 ETC designation order applied the same conditions imposed on Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel") in Alltel's ETC designation order in Docket No. 10396. The following annual reporting requirement was included among those conditions:

- Alltel shall file the following information on March 31, 2008 (and updated information every March 31 thereafter, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission):

  1. A map showing Alltel's actual January 2007 service area, and a map showing the January 2008 estimated service area *increase or decrease*. Additionally, the map should include locations of all new facilities constructed.

  2. Alltel shall report all instances in which the company refuses to serve a customer. Alltel shall be required to provide information regarding the specific location of the customer (street address), the company's rationale for refusal of service, and the company's progress with establishing interconnection arrangements which permit resale of either

wireless or Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC") services in the customer's location.

3. Estimated total 2007 federal funds, actual total federal funds received in 2007, and estimated total funds to be received in 2008.

4. A spreadsheet listing each wire center, the name of the ILEC associated with that wire center, estimated 2007 expenses (from trade secret filing made with the Application), actual 2007 expenses, and estimated 2008 expenses.

II. Staff Recommendation

The annual reporting requirement described above should not have been applied to Assurance Wireless because, in contrast to Alltel, Assurance Wireless has never received high cost funding from the federal Universal Service Fund. Therefore, Staff recommended that Assurance Wireless's ETC designation be amended to delete this reporting requirement.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts Staff's recommendation.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the ETC designation of Assurance Wireless is amended to remove the reporting requirement described herein.

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 17th day of December 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

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Jason Shaw
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