## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of	True ) File No. TA-2011-0265
Wireless, LLC For Designation	as an ) File No. 1A-2011-0203
Eligible Telecommunications	Carrier )
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)	)

## **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

True Wireless, LLC ("True Wireless") hereby states as follows:

- 1. On February 18, 2011, True Wireless, a wireless carrier, filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the purpose of receiving federal universal service fund support for low income customers through the Lifeline and Link Up programs.
- 2. True Wireless has answered all requests by Commission Staff for information about its current operations and planned services for Missouri. Specifically, True Wireless filed detailed data responses on April 5, 2011; August 9, 2011; October 7, 2011; November 21, 2011; January 12, 2012; and June 13, 2012.
- 3. The FCC's 2012 Lifeline Reform Order revised the list of supported services that an ETC can provide as a facilities-based carrier, which now excludes operator services and directory assistance. *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, Report and Order, FCC 12-11, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, at ¶ 47 (FCC rel. Feb. 6, 2012) ("Lifeline Reform Order"). The Lifeline Reform Order also granted blanket forbearance for carriers that no longer meet the own facilities requirement, contingent on the

approval of a compliance plan by the FCC for that carrier. True Wireless has sought forbearance from the facilities requirement by filing a compliance plan with the FCC on March 29, 2012, which was revised on May 25, 2012; June 1, 2012; October 17, 2012; and December 7, 2012 to incorporate various changes requested by FCC staff. The Lifeline Reform Order prohibits state commissions from approving applications for ETC designation until the FCC has approved the compliance plan of the applicant. Lifeline Reform Order at ¶ 380.

4. Therefore, the Commission is required to withhold a final determination on True Wireless's application until the FCC has approved True Wireless's compliance plan.

WHEREFORE, True Wireless and Commission Staff submit this joint status report.

## Respectfully submitted,

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