

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of True     )  
Wireless, LLC For Designation as an     ) File No. TA-2011-0265  
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; and January 12, 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 will seek forbearance from the facilities requirement by filing a compliance plan with the FCC, which it filed on March 29, 2012. 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. Informal conversations with FCC staff lead True Wireless to believe that approval may take several months, which would likely result in a decision after May 21, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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