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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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RE: Petition of Tracfone Wireless, Inc. For Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Utah for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households Docket No. 09-2511-01

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division recommends that the Commission hold an additional scheduling conference in this Docket to establish timelines for filing testimony for the interested parties.

ISSUES:

On August 27, 2009 Tracfone Wireless, Inc (“Tracfone”) filed a petition with the Commission asking to be considered an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”). Since the filing of the original petition, interested parties have held two different conferences to gather additional information about the services and products being offered by TracFone.

At the conference held November 24, 2009 it was discussed that the Division would file a status report informing the Commission of the parties’ progress in resolving any dispute relating to the application. Currently, the Division is unaware of any disputes between parties regarding the information that has been provided by TracFone. Despite the lack of disputes, the Division believes that an evidentiary hearing will still be needed in this case.

Because of all the interested parties expressing an interest with this application, the Division recommends the Commission hold a scheduling conference January 28, 2010. At that conference the interested parties could discuss the following proposed schedule for testimony:

Date	Party
February 12, 2010	Testimony Filed by TracFone
March 5, 2010	Testimony filed by Division, Office of Consumer Services, and Interveners
March 19, 2010	Rebuttal Testimony filed by Tracfone and other parties.
March 29, 2010	Surrebuttal Testimony (if needed)

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