

Exhibit A

**Blue Jay Wireless, LLC**

**FCC Compliance Plan**

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**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support	WC Docket No. 09-197
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization	WC Docket No. 11-42
Blue Jay Wireless, LLC	

**BLUE JAY WIRELESS, LLC COMPLIANCE PLAN**

Blue Jay Wireless, LLC (“Blue Jay” or the “Company”),<sup>1</sup> through its undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully submits and requests expeditious treatment of its Compliance Plan outlining the measures it will take to implement the conditions imposed by the Commission in its *Lifeline Reform Order*.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Company hereby also reports its corporate and trade names, identifiers, and its holding company, operating companies and affiliates as: Link Distributors, LLC (affiliate), Cardinal Wireless Distributors, LLC (affiliate), Timber Creek Wireless Fund I, LLC (affiliate), Splash Media, LP (affiliate), Agency Matrix, LLC (affiliate), Drivers Insurance Group, LLC (affiliate), Cobalt Real Estate Services, LLC (affiliate), P.C. Processing, Inc. (affiliate), Team Systems, LLC (affiliate), LeadStart, LLC (affiliate), CenCal Holdings, LLC (affiliate), Timber Creek Capital, LP (affiliate), Timber Creek Ranch, LP (affiliate) and Ajax Partners II, LLC (affiliate).

<sup>2</sup> See *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*, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report And Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (Feb. 6, 2012) (“*Lifeline Reform Order*”). The Company herein submits the information required by the Compliance Plan Public Notice. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance for the Submission of Compliance Plans Pursuant to the Lifeline Reform*

The Company commends the Commission’s commitment to a nationwide communications system that promotes the safety and welfare of all Americans, including Lifeline customers. The Company will comply with 911 requirements as described below and it is submitting this Compliance Plan in order to qualify for blanket forbearance from the facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A) of the Communications Act and participate as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in the Lifeline program.<sup>3</sup>

The Company will comply fully with all conditions set forth in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, as well as with the Commission’s Lifeline rules and policies more generally.<sup>4</sup> This Compliance Plan describes the specific measures that the Company intends to implement to achieve these objectives. Specifically, this Compliance Plan: (1) describes the specific measures that the Company will take to implement the obligations contained in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, including the procedures the Company will follow in enrolling a subscriber in Lifeline and submitting for reimbursement for that subscriber from the Low-Income

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*Order*, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42, Public Notice, DA 12-314 (rel. Feb. 29, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 368. Although the Company qualifies for and seeks to avail itself of the Commission’s grant of forbearance from the facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A) for purposes of the federal Lifeline program, the Company reserves the right to demonstrate to a state public utilities commission that it provides service using its own facilities in a state for purposes of state universal service funding under state program rules and requirements. The Company will follow the requirements of the Commission’s Lifeline rules and this Compliance Plan in all states in which it provides Lifeline service and receives reimbursements from the federal Low-Income Fund, including in any state where the public utilities commission determines that Blue Jay provides service using its own facilities for purposes of a state universal service program.

<sup>4</sup> In addition, this Compliance Plan is consistent with the compliance plan filed by Global Connection Inc. of America. See Global Connection of America Inc. Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42 (Apr. 30, 2012). The Global Connection compliance plan was approved on May 25, 2012. See Public Notice, DA 12-828.

Fund, materials related to initial and ongoing certifications and sample marketing materials; and (2) provides a detailed description of how the Company will offer Lifeline services, the geographic areas in which it will offer services, and a detailed description of the Company's Lifeline service plan offerings.

#### **ACCESS TO 911 AND E911 SERVICES**<sup>5</sup>

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Reform Order*, forbearance is conditioned upon the Company: (1) providing its Lifeline subscribers with 911 and E911 access, regardless of activation status and availability of minutes; and (2) providing its Lifeline subscribers with E911-compliant handsets and replacing, at no additional charge to the subscriber, noncompliant handsets of Lifeline-eligible subscribers who obtain Lifeline-supported services.<sup>6</sup> The Company will comply with these conditions on the first day that it begins providing service.

The Company will provide its Lifeline customers with access to 911 and E911 services immediately upon activation of service. The Commission and consumers are hereby assured that all Company customers will have available access to emergency calling services at the time that Lifeline service is initiated, and that such 911 and E911 access will be available from Company handsets, even if the account associated with the handset has no minutes remaining.

The Company will use Sprint Nextel and Verizon Wireless its underlying wireless network providers/carriers through a Mobile Virtual Network Enabler (MVNE) intermediary – Natel Networks, LLC (“Natel Networks”). Sprint Nextel and Verizon Wireless will route 911 calls from the Company's customers in the same manner as 911

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<sup>5</sup> See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

<sup>6</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 373.

calls from their own retail customers. To the extent that these underlying wireless network providers/carriers are certified in a given PSAP territory, this 911 capability will function the same for the Company. The Company will also enable 911 emergency calling services for all properly activated handsets regardless of whether the account associated with the handset is active or suspended. Finally, the Company will transmit all 911 calls initiated from any of its handsets even if the account associated with the handset has no remaining minutes.

**E911-Compliant Handsets.** The Company will ensure that all handsets used in connection with the Lifeline service offering are E911-compliant. All of the Company's phones will be E911-capable handsets. The Company will use phones from suppliers that have been through a stringent certification process to ensure that the handset models used meet all 911 and E911 requirements. As a result, any new customer that qualifies for and enrolls in the Lifeline program is assured of receiving a 911/E911-compliant handset as well, free of charge.

## COMPLIANCE PLAN

### **I. PROCEDURES TO ENROLL A SUBSCRIBER IN LIFELINE<sup>7</sup>**

#### **A. Policy**

The Company will comply with the uniform eligibility criteria established in new section 54.409 of the Commission's rules, as well as any additional certification and verification requirements for Lifeline eligibility in states where the Company is designated as an ETC.

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<sup>7</sup> See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

Therefore, all subscribers will be required to demonstrate eligibility based at least on: (1) household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or (2) the household's participation in one of the federal assistance programs listed in new sections 54.409(a)(2) or 54.409(a)(3) of the Commission's rules. In addition, through the certification requirements described below, the Company will confirm that the subscriber is not already receiving a Lifeline service and no one else in the subscriber's household is subscribed to a Lifeline service.

## **B. Eligibility Determination**

Blue Jay will qualify and enroll Lifeline customers through five primary input channels including: 1) Internet/Web Form Transaction, 2) Store and Field Form Transaction, 3) Toll-Free Facsimile Form Transaction, 4) USPS Mail Form Transaction and 5) Voice/IVR Form Transaction. Regardless of which channel the customer uses to apply for service, each customer will receive the same disclosures, be required to supply the same information and make the same certifications via Blue Jay's standard application/certification form (discussed further below and provided in Exhibit A).

Initially Blue Jay will enroll the vast majority of its Lifeline customers in-person at Blue Jay branded storefronts. Through its affiliation with Drivers Insurance Group, LLC, which sells state minimum required car insurance to predominantly low-income consumers, Blue Jay has access to 1,000 storefronts nationwide that can be co-branded to sell Blue Jay wireless Lifeline service. By using permanent storefront locations Blue Jay customers will always know where they can go to ask questions, get replacement equipment (*e.g.*, batteries and chargers) and purchase additional services or upgrades.

As part of its enrollment process, Blue Jay will route all enrollment documentation through a common validation backbone that will perform five relevant verification checks in real-time before approving qualifying subscribers for Lifeline service. These five checks are: 1) Service Availability Verification (validates the availability of service to qualifying subscribers through a database of approved Blue Jay service areas); 2) Service Address Verification (validates the service address of qualifying subscribers through USPS and/or Melissa databases); 3) Non-Duplicate Subscriber Verification (confirms internal non-duplicate status of qualifying subscribers by a combination of name, address, telephone number, date of birth and last four digits of Social Security number); 4) Identity Verification (validates the identity of qualifying subscribers through viewing government-issued identification or Lexis Nexis); and 5) Eligibility Verification (where available, validates the eligibility of qualifying subscribers through state-specific and program-specific Internet databases). In the event that such web services are unavailable or the qualifying subscriber shows proof of eligibility via physical documentation, Blue Jay will note the type of documentation presented; the timestamp of presentation; the Blue Jay employee, agent or representative (“Company personnel”) to whom the documentation was presented; and the deletion timestamp (for documentation that was physically received by Blue Jay). When available, Blue Jay will validate the eligibility and non-duplication of qualifying subscribers through the national database.

The manner in which the sales will be made will be slightly different, but the obligations imposed by the new rules will be addressed directly by Blue Jay. All employees will be thoroughly trained on the enrollment process to ensure all five relevant verification checks are made before approving qualified subscribers for Lifeline service.

If the Company cannot determine a prospective subscriber's eligibility for Lifeline by accessing income databases or program eligibility databases, Company personnel will review documentation establishing eligibility pursuant to the Lifeline rules.<sup>8</sup> All personnel who interact with current or prospective customers will be trained to assist Lifeline applicants in determining whether they are eligible to participate based on the federal and state-specific income-based and/or program-based criteria. These personnel will be trained to answer questions about Lifeline eligibility, and will review required documentation to determine whether it satisfies the *Lifeline Reform Order* and state-specific eligibility requirements using state-specific checklists.

Proof of Eligibility. Company personnel will be trained on acceptable documentation required to establish income-based and program-based eligibility.<sup>9</sup> Acceptable documentation of program eligibility includes: (1) the current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; (2) a notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; (3) program participation documents (*e.g.*, the consumer's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) electronic benefit transfer card or Medicaid participation card (or copy thereof)); or (4) another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.<sup>10</sup>

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub;

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<sup>8</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 100; section 54.410(b)(1)(i)(B), 54.410(c)(1)(i)(B).

<sup>9</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 101. See also USAC Guidance available at <http://www.usac.org/li/telecom-carriers/step06/default.aspx>.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* and section 54.410(c)(1)(i)(B).



a Social Security statement of benefits; a Veterans Administration statement of benefits; a retirement/pension statement of benefits; an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance; or a divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months time.<sup>11</sup>

Company personnel will examine this documentation for each Lifeline applicant, and will record the type of documentation used to satisfy the income- or program-based criteria by checking the appropriate box on the application form.<sup>12</sup> In addition, Company personnel will fill in, where available, the last four digits of an account or other identifying number on the proof document, the date of the proof document and the expiration of the proof document. The Company will not retain a copy of this documentation, except where state rules require such retention.<sup>13</sup> For customers enrolled via the Internet, Toll-Free Facsimile, USPS Mail, or Voice/IVR, the customer will be required to fax or e-mail proof of eligibility documentation to the Company. Proof will be reviewed by Company personnel prior to service activation and then deleted. Where the Company personnel conclude that proffered documentation is insufficient to establish such eligibility, the Company will deny the associated application and inform the applicant of the reason for such rejection. In the event that Company personnel cannot ascertain whether documentation of a specific type is sufficient to establish an applicant's eligibility, the

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<sup>11</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; section 54.410.(b)(1)(i)(B).

<sup>12</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; sections 54.410(b)(1)(iii), 54.410(c)(1)(iii).

<sup>13</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; sections 54.410(b)(1)(ii), 54.410(c)(1)(ii).

matter will be escalated to supervisory personnel at the Company's corporate headquarters.<sup>14</sup>

De-Enrollment for Ineligibility. If the Company has a reasonable basis to believe that one of its Lifeline subscribers no longer meets the eligibility criteria, the Company will notify the subscriber of impending termination in writing and in compliance with any state dispute resolution procedures applicable to Lifeline termination, and give the subscriber 30 days to demonstrate continued eligibility.<sup>15</sup> A demonstration of eligibility must comply with the annual verification procedures below and found in new rule section 54.410(f), including the submission of a certification form. If a customer contacts the Company and states that he or she is not eligible for Lifeline or wishes to de-enroll for any reason, the Company will de-enroll the customer within five business days. Customers can make this request by calling the Company's customer service number and will not be required to submit any documents.

### **C. Subscriber Certifications for Enrollment**

The Company will implement certification policies and procedures that enable consumers to demonstrate their eligibility for Lifeline assistance to Company personnel as detailed in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, together with any additional state certification requirements.<sup>16</sup> The Company shares the Commission's concern about abuse of the Lifeline program and is thus committed to the safeguards stated herein, with the belief that these procedures will prevent the Company's customers from engaging in such abuse of

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<sup>14</sup> See *id.*

<sup>15</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 143; section 54.405(e)(1).

<sup>16</sup> *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 61; section 54.410(a).

the program, inadvertently or intentionally. Every applicant will be required to complete an application/certification form containing disclosures, and collecting certain information and certifications as discussed below.<sup>17</sup> Applicants that seek to enroll based on income eligibility will be referred to a worksheet showing the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size.<sup>18</sup> Applicants that do not complete the form in person will be required to return the signed application/certification to the Company by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic transmission. In addition, Company personnel will verbally explain the certifications to consumers when they are enrolling in person or over the phone.<sup>19</sup>

Disclosures. The Company's application and certification forms will include the following disclosures: (1) Lifeline is a federal benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program; (2) only one Lifeline service is available per household; (3) a household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses; (4) a household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers; (5) violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Commission's rules and will result in the applicant's de-enrollment from the program; and (6) Lifeline is

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<sup>17</sup> See Model Application/Certification Form, included as Exhibit A. See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

<sup>18</sup> See Income Eligibility Worksheet, included as Exhibit B.

<sup>19</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 123.

a non-transferable benefit and the applicant may not transfer his or her benefit to any other person.<sup>20</sup>

Applications and certification forms will also state that: (1) the service is a Lifeline service, (2) Lifeline is a government assistance program, and (3) only eligible consumers may enroll in the program.<sup>21</sup>

In addition, the Company will notify the applicant that the prepaid service must be personally activated by the subscriber and the service will be deactivated and the subscriber de-enrolled if the subscriber does not use the service for 60 days.<sup>22</sup>

Information Collection. The Company will also collect the following information from the applicant in the application/certification form: (1) the applicant's full name; (2) the applicant's full residential address (P.O. Box is not sufficient<sup>23</sup>); (3) whether the applicant's residential address is permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's billing address, if different from the applicant's residential address; (5) the applicant's date of birth; (6) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number (or the applicant's Tribal identification number, if the subscriber is a member of a Tribal nation and does not have a Social Security number); (7) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the program-based criteria, the name of the qualifying assistance program from which the applicant, his or her dependents, or his or her household receives benefits; and (8) if the

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<sup>20</sup> See *id.*, ¶ 121; section 54.410(d)(1).

<sup>21</sup> See section 54.405(c).

<sup>22</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257.

<sup>23</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 87.

applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the income-based criterion, the number of individuals in his or her household.<sup>24</sup>

Applicant Certification. Consistent with new rule section 54.410(d)(3), the Company will require the applicant to certify, under penalty of perjury, in writing or by electronic signature or interactive voice response recording,<sup>25</sup> the following: (1) the applicant meets the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline; (2) the applicant will notify the Company within 30 days if for any reason he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if the applicant no longer meets the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, the applicant is receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of the applicant's household is receiving a Lifeline benefit; (3) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline as an eligible resident of Tribal lands, he or she lives on Tribal lands; (4) if the applicant moves to a new address, he or she will provide that new address to the Company within 30 days; (5) if the applicant provided a temporary residential address to the Company, the applicant will be required to verify his or her temporary residential address every 90 days; (6) the applicant's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, the applicant's household is not already receiving a Lifeline service; (7) the information contained in the applicant's certification form is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge; (8) the applicant acknowledges that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and (9) the applicant acknowledges that the applicant may be required to re-certify his or her continued eligibility for Lifeline at any

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<sup>24</sup> See section 54.410(d)(2).

<sup>25</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*. ¶¶ 168-69; section 54.419.

time, and the applicant's failure to re-certify as to the applicant's continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of the applicant's Lifeline benefits pursuant to the de-enrollment policy included below and in the Commission's rules.

In addition, the applicant will be required to authorize the Company to access any records required to verify the applicant's statements on the application/certification form and to confirm the applicant's eligibility for the Company Lifeline credit. The applicant must also authorize the Company to release any records required for the administration of the Company Lifeline credit program, including to USAC to be used in a Lifeline program database.<sup>26</sup>

#### **D. Annual Verification Procedures**

The Company will annually re-certify all subscribers by querying the appropriate eligibility databases or obtaining a signed certification from each subscriber consistent with the certification requirements above and new section 54.410(d) of the Commission's rules. This certification will include a confirmation that the applicant's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of the subscriber's knowledge, the subscriber's household is receiving no more than one Lifeline service.<sup>27</sup> Further, the verification materials will inform the subscriber that he or she is being contacted to re-

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<sup>26</sup> See Section 54.404(b)(9). The application/certification form will also describe the information that will be transmitted, that the information is being transmitted to USAC to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline program and that failure to provide consent will result in the applicant being denied the Lifeline service. *See id.*

<sup>27</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 120.

certify his or her continuing eligibility for Lifeline and if the subscriber fails to respond, he or she will be de-enrolled in the program.<sup>28</sup>

2012 Verification. Blue Jay does not currently have any Lifeline customers. In the (unlikely) event that the Company has any Lifeline subscribers as of June 1, 2012, the Company will re-certify the eligibility of each of its existing subscribers as of June 1, 2012 on a rolling basis by the end of 2012 and report the results to USAC by January 31, 2013.<sup>29</sup> The Company will contact its subscribers via text message to their Lifeline supported telephone, or by mail, phone, email or other Internet communication. The notice will explain the actions the customer must take to retain Lifeline benefits, when Lifeline benefits may be terminated, and how to contact the Company.

Verification De-Enrollment. The Company will de-enroll subscribers that do not respond to the annual verification or fail to provide the required certification.<sup>30</sup> The Company will give subscribers 30 days to respond to the annual verification inquiry. If the subscriber does not respond, the Company will send a separate written notice explaining that failure to respond within 30 days will result in the subscriber's de-enrollment from the Lifeline program. If the subscriber does not respond within 30 days, the Company will de-enroll the subscriber within five business days.

#### **E. Activation and Non-Usage**

The Company will not consider a prepaid subscriber activated, and will not seek reimbursement for Lifeline for that subscriber, until the subscriber activates the

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<sup>28</sup> See *id.*, ¶ 145.

<sup>29</sup> See *id.*, ¶ 130.

<sup>30</sup> See *id.*, ¶ 142; section 54.54.405(e)(4).

Company's prepaid service by completing an outbound call. An outbound call must be made in order for the service to be activated and for Blue Jay to seek Lifeline reimbursement for that customer. For phones sold in-person, the customer must complete an outbound call in front of the representative upon taking possession of the phone in order to complete the enrollment process. In the event phones are mailed to the customer's address, the customer must dial an activation code which will connect them to a customer service representative. The customer then has to provide the customer service representative with identification information and confirm Lifeline service was ordered.

In addition, after service activation, the Company will provide a de-enrollment notice to subscribers that have not used their service for 60 days. After 60 days of non-use, the Company will provide notice to the subscriber that failure to use the Lifeline service within a 30-day notice period will result in de-enrollment.<sup>31</sup> Subscribers can "use" the service by: (1) completing an outbound call; (2) purchasing minutes from the Company to add to the subscriber's plan; (3) answering an incoming call from a party other than the Company; or (4) responding to a direct contact from the Company and confirming that the subscriber wants to continue receiving the service.<sup>32</sup>

If the subscriber does not respond to the notice, the subscriber will be de-enrolled and the Company will not request further Lifeline reimbursement for the subscriber. The Company will report annually to the Commission the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

<sup>32</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 261; section 54.407(c)(2).

<sup>33</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).



## **F. Additional Measures to Prevent Waste, Fraud and Abuse**

To supplement its verification and certification procedures, and to better ensure that customers understand the Lifeline service restrictions with respect to duplicates, the Company will implement measures and procedures to prevent duplicate Lifeline benefits being awarded to the same household. These measures entail additional emphasis in written disclosures as well as live due diligence.

In addition to checking the database when it becomes available, Company personnel will emphasize the “one Lifeline phone per household” restriction in their direct sales contacts with potential customers. Training materials will include a discussion of the limitation to one Lifeline phone per household, and the need to ensure that the customer is informed of this restriction. All Company personnel interacting with existing and potential Lifeline customers will undergo training regarding the eligibility and certification requirements in the *Lifeline Reform Order* and this Compliance Plan.

Blue Jay Company personnel that will interact with existing and potential Lifeline customers will be required to complete a rigorous training program upon commencing employment and prior to performing other duties for the Company. During this program, Company personnel are thoroughly trained on compliance practices, policies and procedures including, among other areas, a thorough training on the enrollment process. For example, Company personnel that will perform customer enrollment are trained on how to use the Company’s office support systems, to read aloud the appropriate disclosures to prospective customers such as the “one-per-household” and activation and non-usage requirement disclosures, request additional documentation proving identity and

address verification and what constitutes proof of eligibility, among other important practices.

Company personnel are also trained to display Blue Jay approved marketing materials and banners and wear Blue Jay branded t-shirts with name badges and pictures when performing in-person enrollment. Blue Jay will have a designated employee compliance training manager who is accessible to Company personnel for questions after training. Company personnel are also trained what to do in the event they suspect fraud or any violation. The Company has a whistleblower policy for Company personnel to immediately report any violation of compliance policies and procedures. If Company personnel violates any of the Company's or program's compliance policies and procedures, the terms and conditions of his or her employee or vendor agreement, or engages in any illegal, fraudulent, deceptive, or unethical business conduct, Blue Jay will invoke immediate disciplinary action and may contact appropriate authorities.

Database. When the National Lifeline Accountability Database (“National Database”) becomes available, the Company will comply with the requirements of new rule section 54.404. The Company will query the National Database to determine whether a prospective subscriber is currently receiving a Lifeline service from another ETC and whether anyone else living at the prospective subscriber's residential address is currently receiving Lifeline service.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 203. Company will also transmit to the National Database the information required for each new and existing Lifeline subscriber. See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 189-195; section 54.404(b)(6). Further, Company will update each subscriber's information in the National Database within ten business days of any change, except for de-enrollment, which will be transmitted within one business day. See section 54.404(b)(8),(10).

One-Per-Household. The Company will implement the requirements of the *Lifeline Reform Order* to ensure that it provides only one Lifeline benefit per household<sup>35</sup> through the use of its application and certification forms discussed above, database checks and its marketing materials discussed below. Upon receiving an application for the Company's Lifeline service, the Company will search its own internal records to ensure that it does not already provide Lifeline-supported service to someone at the same residential address.<sup>36</sup> If so, and the applicant lives at an address with multiple households, the Company will require the applicant to complete and submit a written USAC document containing the following: (1) an explanation of the Commission's one-per-household rule; (2) a check box that an applicant can mark to indicate that he or she lives at an address occupied by multiple households; (3) a space for the applicant to certify that he or she shares an address with other adults who do not contribute income to the applicant's household and share in the household's expenses or benefit from the applicant's income, pursuant to the Commission's definition; and (4) the penalty for a consumer's failure to make the required one-per-household certification (*i.e.*, de-enrollment).<sup>37</sup> Further, if a subscriber provides a temporary address on his or her application/certification form collected as described above,

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<sup>35</sup> A "household" is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives with someone who provides financial support to him/her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians. *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 74; section 54.400(h).

<sup>36</sup> *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 78.

<sup>37</sup> *Id.* The USAC worksheet is available at <http://www.usac.org/li/tools/news/default.aspx#582>.

the Company will verify with the subscriber every 90 days that the subscriber continues to rely on that address.<sup>38</sup>

In addition, Company personnel will inform each Lifeline applicant that he or she may be receiving Lifeline support under another name, and facilitate the applicant's understanding of what constitutes "Lifeline-supported services," and ability to determine whether he or she is already benefiting from Lifeline support, by informing the consumer that all Lifeline services may not be currently marketed under the name Lifeline. Blue Jay will also ask each customer whether they are receiving Lifeline service from one of the other major Lifeline providers in the state (*e.g.*, SafeLink, Assurance). Finally, at the time of enrollment, Blue Jay will check each applicant against a pooled duplicates database established by CGM, LLC.

Marketing Materials. Within the deadline provided in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, the Company will include the following information regarding its Lifeline service on all marketing materials describing the service: (1) it is a Lifeline service, (2) Lifeline is a government assistance program, (3) the service is non-transferable, (4) only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, (5) the program is limited to one discount per household; (6) that documentation is necessary for enrollment; (7) Blue Jay's name (the ETC); and (8) the Company's application/certification form will state that consumers who willfully make a false statement in order to obtain the Lifeline benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.<sup>39</sup> These statements will be included in all print, audio video and web materials (including social networking media) used to describe or enroll customers in the Company's Lifeline service offering, as well as

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<sup>38</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 89.

<sup>39</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 275; section 54.405(c).

the Company's application forms and certification forms.<sup>40</sup> This specifically includes the Company's website ([www.bluejaywireless.com](http://www.bluejaywireless.com)) and outdoor signage.<sup>41</sup> A sample of the Company's marketing materials is included as Exhibit C.

### **G. Company Reimbursements From the Fund**

To ensure that the Company does not seek reimbursement from the Fund without a subscriber's consent, the Company will certify, as part of each reimbursement request, that it is in compliance with all of the Commission's Lifeline rules and, to the extent required, has obtained valid certification and verification forms from each of the subscribers for whom it is seeking reimbursement.<sup>42</sup> Further, the Company will submit its FCC Forms 497 to the eighth day of each month in order to be reimbursed the same month.<sup>43</sup>

In addition, the Company will keep accurate records as directed by USAC<sup>44</sup> and as required by new section 54.417 of the Commission's rules. For example, Blue Jay will keep the following records for each subscriber's individual Lifeline account, among other records, if applicable and as permitted: 1) date that Blue Jay queried the duplicates database; 2) date and information that Blue Jay transmitted to the duplicates database; 3) date of transmission of updated customer information to database; 4) date and database upon which the ETC determined income-based eligibility where available; 5) date and documentation/data source used to determine income-based eligibility if no database was

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<sup>40</sup> *Id.*

<sup>41</sup> *Id.*

<sup>42</sup> *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 128; section 54.407(d).

<sup>43</sup> *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 302-306.

<sup>44</sup> *See* section 54.407(e).

available to determine subscriber eligibility;<sup>45</sup> 6) date, database, and program on which ETC determined subscriber eligibility; 7) date and records detailing the documentation a subscriber provided to demonstrate Lifeline eligibility; 8) state Lifeline administrator documentation of customer eligibility, and subscriber's certification of eligibility; 9) date of customer service activation; 10) application/certification and annual re-certification forms for each subscriber associated with a date and time of signature; and 11) date of transmission of customer de-enrollment to database.

#### **H. Annual Company Certifications**

The Company will submit an annual certification to USAC, signed by a Company officer under penalty of perjury, that the Company: (1) has policies and procedures in place to review consumers' documentation of income- and program-based eligibility and ensure that its Lifeline subscribers are eligible to receive Lifeline services;<sup>46</sup> (2) is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures;<sup>47</sup> and (3) has obtained a valid certification form for each subscriber for whom the carrier seeks Lifeline reimbursement.<sup>48</sup>

In addition, the Company will provide the results of its annual re-certifications/verifications on an annual basis to the Commission, USAC, the applicable state commission and the relevant Tribal governments (for subscribers residing on Tribal

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<sup>45</sup> Such documentation includes the documentation listed in Section I.B. *supra*.

<sup>46</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 126; section 54.416(a)(1).

<sup>47</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 127; section 54.416(a)(2).

<sup>48</sup> See section 54.416(a)(3).

lands).<sup>49</sup> Further, as discussed above, the Company will report annually to the Commission the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.<sup>50</sup>

The Company will also annually report to the Commission, USAC, and relevant state commissions and the relevant authority in a U.S. territory or Tribal government as appropriate,<sup>51</sup> the company name, names of the company's holding company, operating companies and affiliates, and any branding (such as a "dba" or brand designation) as well as relevant universal service identifiers for each entity by Study Area Code.<sup>52</sup> The Company will report annually information regarding the terms and conditions of its Lifeline plans for voice telephony service offered specifically for low-income consumers during the previous year, including the number of minutes provided and whether there are additional charges to the consumer for service, including minutes of use and/or toll calls.<sup>53</sup> Finally, the Company will annually provide detailed information regarding service outages in the previous year, the number of complaints received and certification of compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules, as well as a certification that the Company is able to function in emergency situations.<sup>54</sup>

## **I. Cooperation with State and Federal Regulators**

The Company has cooperated and will continue to cooperate with federal and state regulators to prevent waste, fraud and abuse. More specifically, the Company will:

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<sup>49</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 132,148; section 54.416(b).

<sup>50</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

<sup>51</sup> See section 54.422(c).

<sup>52</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 296, 390; section 54.422(a).

<sup>53</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 390; section 54.422(b)(5).

<sup>54</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 389; section 54.422(b)(1)-(4).

- Make available, upon request, state-specific subscriber data, including the names and addresses of Lifeline subscribers, to USAC and to each state public utilities commission where the Company operates for the purpose of determining whether an existing Lifeline subscriber receives Lifeline service from another carrier;<sup>55</sup>
- Assist the Commission, USAC, state commissions, and other ETCs in resolving instances of duplicative enrollment by Lifeline subscribers, including by providing to USAC and/or any state commission, upon request, the necessary information to detect and resolve duplicative Lifeline claims;
- Promptly investigate any notification that it receives from the Commission, USAC, or a state commission to the effect that one of its customers already receives Lifeline services from another carrier; and
- Immediately de-enroll any subscriber whom the Company has a reasonable basis to believe<sup>56</sup> is receiving Lifeline-supported service from another ETC or is no longer eligible – whether or not such information is provided by the Commission, USAC, or a state commission.

## II. Description of Lifeline Service Offerings<sup>57</sup>

The Company will offer its Lifeline service in the states where it is designated as an ETC<sup>58</sup> and throughout the coverage area of the Sprint Nextel and Verizon Wireless footprints. Blue Jay purchases wireless minutes from an intermediary, Natel Networks, which purchases wholesale minutes from Sprint Nextel and Verizon Wireless. Blue Jay's Lifeline offering will provide all non-Tribal customers with the option to choose a plan with 250 anytime prepaid minutes per month at no charge. Tribal customers will all have

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<sup>55</sup> The Company anticipates that the need to provide such information will sunset following the implementation of the national duplicates database.

<sup>56</sup> See section 54.405(e)(1).

<sup>57</sup> See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

<sup>58</sup> The Company is not yet designated as an ETC in any states, but it filed a petition for ETC designation in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia with the Commission on May 21, 2012, and applications for ETC designation in Oklahoma, Arizona and Colorado. The Company intends to prepare additional petitions and file where permitted.



the option to choose an unlimited plan. 611 customer service and 911 emergency calls will all be free, regardless of service activation or availability of minutes, and will not count against the customer's airtime. All plans will include domestic long-distance at no extra per minute charge. Directory assistance calls (411) will be free, however, they will count as airtime minutes of usage. Lifeline customers can purchase additional bundles of minutes for as low as \$0.05/minute depending on the minute package purchased. For example, customers can purchase a 200 minute package for \$10.00. Airtime "top-up" minutes will be available for purchase at the Company's retail locations and on its website.

The Company will offer two basic Lifeline service packages throughout all of its service territories, except for Tribal areas where the Company will offer two plans that are only available to Tribal residents. The Company's basic Lifeline programs are listed below.

**Lifeline Free Plan 125.** Each month the customer will receive 125 free anytime voice minutes. Text messaging will be assessed at a rate of 1 minute per text message for sending and 1 minute per text message for receiving text messages. Unused minutes will rollover from month to month. This plan will be available in all states where the Company offers service except in Tribal areas.

**Lifeline Free Plan 250.** Each month the customer will receive 250 free anytime voice minutes. Text messaging will be assessed at a rate of 1 minute per text message for sending and 1 minute per text message for receiving text messages. There are no rollover minutes with this plan. Unused minutes will expire each month on the service expiration

date. This plan will be available in all states where the Company offers service except in Tribal areas.<sup>59</sup>

**Tribal Resident Lifeline Unlimited Plan.** Each month the customer will receive unlimited anytime voice minutes for \$5.00 per month plus fees and taxes. Text messaging will not be available with the unlimited talk plan. There are no rollover minutes with this plan as minutes are unlimited. This plan will only be available to Tribal residents.

**Tribal Resident Lifeline 1000 Plan.** Each month the customer will receive 1,000 anytime voice minutes or 1,000 text messages for \$1.00 per month plus fees and taxes. Text messaging will be assessed at a rate of 1 minute per text message for sending and 1 minute per text message for receiving text messages. There are no rollover minutes with this plan. Unused minutes will expire each month on the service expiration date. This plan will only be available to Tribal residents.

Additionally, customers can select either a free wireless handset or purchase an upgraded phone, such as a smartphone. For those customers choosing to upgrade to a smartphone, data can be added to any phone plan starting at \$1.25 per megabyte – a price that can be reduced on a “per megabyte” basis when the customer purchases multiple megabytes of data. The Company will also allow low-income customers to add affordable data usage to their free voice/text minutes thereby supporting greater smartphone utilization, consistent with the Commission’s goal of promoting broadband access to all Americans. Additional information regarding the Company’s plans, rates and services can be found on its website [www.bluejaywireless.com](http://www.bluejaywireless.com).

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<sup>59</sup> Lifeline customers can add \$5.00 per month to get 500 total anytime minutes or \$20.00 per month to get 1,000 total anytime minutes plus 1,000 texts.

Although Blue Jay is not yet providing service to either Lifeline or non-Lifeline customers, Blue Jay plans to begin providing prepaid wireless service to non-Lifeline customers within 45 days. Blue Jay has access to an extensive network of potential customers through partnerships with its Drivers Insurance Group, LLC affiliate, which will provide storefront locations for the sale of Blue Jay Lifeline and non-Lifeline wireless service. Blue Jay has also established relationships with BeQuick, CGM, LLC and other vendors that will be necessary to enroll Lifeline customers and process applications and reimbursements. However, once its compliance plan is approved, Blue Jay will likely need at least 60 days to further train its employees, put up branding and signage in its storefronts, and implement its various systems before it will be able to begin processing Lifeline applications and enrolling customers for service.

At the same time, Blue Jay must receive ETC designations from various state public utility commissions or the FCC, and in many states such as Texas, Blue Jay cannot file its ETC applications until its Compliance Plan is approved. Therefore, Blue Jay expects that it will be several months after its Compliance Plan is approved before it can begin providing Lifeline service.

### **III. Demonstration of Financial and Technical Capabilities and Certifications Required for ETC Designation<sup>60</sup>**

Financial and Technical Capabilities. Revised Commission rule 54.202(a)(4), 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(4), requires carriers petitioning for ETC designation to demonstrate financial and technical capability to comply with the Commission's Lifeline service

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<sup>60</sup> See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

requirements.<sup>61</sup> The Compliance Plan Public Notice requires that carriers' compliance plan include this demonstration. Among the factors the Commission will consider are: a carrier's prior offering of service to non-Lifeline subscribers, the length of time the carrier has been in business, whether the carrier relies exclusively on Lifeline reimbursement to operate, whether the carrier receives revenues from other sources and whether the carrier has been the subject of an enforcement action or ETC revocation proceeding in any state.

Through its affiliates, Blue Jay has provided marketing services including to low-income customers since 2004. One of the Company's affiliates, Splash Media, LP, is among the largest providers of full-service social media marketing services in the world. Another affiliate, Link Distributors, LLC, is a leading distributor of wireless handsets and Lifeline enrollment for ETCs. Both businesses have substantial revenues with a long-term profitability, are in good standing with all of their vendors and have been providing customers with services for a combined nine years. As a core part of its marketing strategy, Blue Jay will be actively marketing to non-Lifeline customers targeting the prepaid, credit challenged and underbanked sector, and, consequently, will not be relying exclusively on Lifeline reimbursement for the Company's operating revenues. Blue Jay plans to begin providing non-Lifeline service within 45 days. Blue Jay also has access to other financial resources including substantial cash reserves from its owners. The Company has not been subject to enforcement sanctions or ETC revocation proceedings in any state.

Service Requirements Applicable to Company's Support. The Compliance Plan Public Notice requires carriers to include "certifications required under newly amended

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<sup>61</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 387-388 (revising Commission rule 54.202(a)(4)).

section 54.202 of the Commission’s rules.”<sup>62</sup> The Company certifies that it will comply with the service requirements applicable to the support the Company receives.<sup>63</sup> The Company will provide all of the telecommunications service supported by the Lifeline program and will make the services available to all qualified consumers throughout the states in which it is designated as an ETC. The Company’s services will include voice telephony services that provide voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent. Further, the Company’s service offerings will provide its customers with a set number of minutes of use for local service at no charge to the customer. The Company’s proposed Lifeline offerings include packages in Section II *supra* that can be used for local and domestic toll service.

The Company also will provide access to emergency services provided by local government or public safety officials, including 911 and E911 where available and will comply with any Commission requirements regarding E911-compatible handsets. As discussed above, the Company will comply with the Commission’s forbearance grant conditions relating to the provision of 911 and E911 services and handsets.

Finally, the Company will not provide toll limitation service (“TLS”). Blue Jay, like most wireless carriers, does not differentiate domestic long distance toll usage from local usage and all usage is paid for in advance. Pursuant to the *Lifeline Reform Order*, subscribers to such services are not considered to have voluntarily elected to receive TLS.<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>62</sup> Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

<sup>63</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(1).

<sup>64</sup> See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 230.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

Blue Jay submits that its Compliance Plan fully satisfies the conditions set forth in the Commission's *Lifeline Reform Order*, the Compliance Plan Public Notice and the Lifeline rules. Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously approve its Compliance Plan.

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