
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Request of TracFone
Wireless, Inc. to Amend its Designation as an
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to
Receive Utah Universal Service Fund Support
for Lifeline Service

DOCKET NO. 17-2511-01
ORDER STAYING PETITION

ISSUED: June 30, 2017

On December 1, 2010, in Docket No. 09-2511-01, the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) designated TracFone Wireless, Inc. (TracFone) as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal Lifeline support. The PSC stated in its Order that TracFone would not receive state Lifeline support unless a subsequent application were granted.

On June 23, 2017, TracFone filed the above petition, requesting state support for Lifeline service to qualified customers in Utah.

In the 2017 Utah General Legislative Session, statutory changes were enacted to broaden the application of Utah's state Lifeline support so as to include wireless telecommunications providers as eligible recipients. However, those statutory changes do not go into effect until July 1, 2017. Additionally, the amended statute allows the PSC to promulgate rules governing eligibility prior to beginning disbursements to wireless providers.¹ As of the date of this order, the PSC is drafting the necessary rules, but is not yet ready to enact them.

¹ The amended statute requires that any necessary rules be in place by January 1, 2018.

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ORDER

Given the foregoing, the PSC stays this docket. After the PSC makes effective rules governing wireless providers' eligibility for state Lifeline support, it will lift the stay on its own initiative and adjudicate TracFone's request for state support under the applicable rules.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 30, 2017.

/s/ Jennie T. Jonsson
Administrative Law Judge

Approved and confirmed June 30, 2017 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary

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