

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Petition of Q LINK WIRELESS LLC to Expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service Area in Utah	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-2549-01</u> <u>REPORT AND ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: May 7, 2020

On February 14, 2020, Q LINK WIRELESS LLC (“Q LINK”) filed its Petition to expand Q LINK’s Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) service area in the State of Utah (“Petition”). In the Petition, Q LINK seeks expansion of its ETC designated service area to be statewide in scope, allowing Q LINK to provide Lifeline service wherever its underlying facilities-based providers have wireless coverage. Q LINK certifies in its Petition that it continues to meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC, including those in recent Orders adopted by the FCC¹ and obligations established in the relevant Public Service Commission (PSC) orders.

The PSC granted Q LINK ETC status on December 14, 2012, in Docket No. 12-2549-01, and allowed Q LINK to participate in the Utah Universal Telecommunications Support Fund on October 25, 2018, in Docket No. 18-2549-02.

On March 4, 2020, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments recommending the PSC approve the expanded service area for Q LINK. The DPU states expanding the service

¹ See *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 00-197, 10-90, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 16-38 (rel. Apr. 27, 2016); see also *In the Matter of Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support*, WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, 00-197, Fifth Report and Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 19-111, (rel. Nov. 14, 2019).

area meets the objective of supporting competition for customers in the State of Utah. No other party filed comments.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND ORDER

Based on our consideration of the Petition, DPU's comments, and there being no opposition, the PSC finds and concludes that approval of the Petition is in the public interest. The PSC, therefore, approves the Petition.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 7, 2020.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed May 7, 2020 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:

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PSC Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on May 7, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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