

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Petition of i-wireless, LLC to Expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service Area	<u>DOCKET NO. 21-2526-01</u> <u>REPORT AND ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: August 23, 2021

On June 28, 2021, i-wireless, LLC (“i-wireless”) filed its Petition to expand i-wireless’s Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) service area in Utah (“Petition”). In the Petition, i-wireless seeks expansion of its ETC designated service area to be statewide in scope, allowing i-wireless to provide Lifeline service wherever its underlying facilities-based providers have wireless coverage. i-wireless certifies in its Petition that it continues to meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC, including those in the relevant Orders adopted by the FCC¹ and obligations established in the relevant Public Service Commission (PSC) orders.²

On July 26, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments recommending the PSC approve the expanded service area for i-wireless. The DPU states it supports granting the petition of i-wireless to expand its service territory and recommends the PSC approve or acknowledge the petition. No other party filed comments.

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).

² The PSC granted i-wireless ETC status on June 29, 2011, in Docket No. 10-2526-01, *In the Matter of the Petition of i-wireless, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Utah for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households*, Report and Order (June 29, 2011).

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND ORDER

Due to changes in the coverage provided by the underlying carrier i-wireless uses in Utah, the public interest will be served by allowing i-wireless to provide Lifeline service within that expanded coverage area. 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, August 23, 2021.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed August 23, 2021 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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 30 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 August 23, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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