

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support)	WC Docket No. 09-197
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45

**NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER DESIGNATION**

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate AT&T Mobility, LLC (f/k/a Cingular Wireless, LLC) (AT&T Mobility) (collectively, AT&T), hereby notifies the Commission that AT&T is relinquishing AT&T Mobility’s eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation in Virginia (study area code 199009) effective December 31, 2014. In support of this notification, AT&T provides the following information.

The Commission designated AT&T Mobility as an ETC in Virginia in 2008.¹ Section 214(e)(4) of the Communications Act, as amended, requires the Commission to permit a

¹ *High-Cost Universal Service Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Alltel Communications, Inc., et al., Petitions for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, RCC Minnesota, Inc. and RCC Atlantic, Inc. New Hampshire ETC Designation Amendment, Order, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, 23 FCC Rcd 8834, Appendix B (2008)*. In 2007, AT&T Inc. acquired Dobson Cellular Corporation, of which Highland Cellular was a subsidiary. *Applications of AT&T Inc. and Dobson Communications Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorization, WT Docket No. 07-153, 22 FCC Rcd 20295 (2007)*. The Commission designated Highland Cellular as an ETC in 2004. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Highland Cellular, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, CC Docket 96-45, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 04-37 (rel. April 12, 2004)*. In a letter dated November 5, 2008, AT&T informed the Commission that it would work with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consolidate Highland Cellular’s SAC with AT&T Mobility’s Virginia SAC. See Letter from Cathy Carpino, AT&T, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*,

Commission-designated ETC to relinquish its designation in any area served by more than one ETC.² In **Attachment A**, AT&T provides a list by wire center of ILEC ETCs providing service in AT&T Mobility's ETC service area and in **Attachment B**, we provide a list of competitive ETCs, including Lifeline-only ETCs, that provide service in at least part of AT&T Mobility's ETC service area. To the best of AT&T's knowledge, no ETC will be required to purchase or construct facilities to continue providing service to AT&T Mobility's customers post-relinquishment.³ In fact, post-relinquishment, AT&T Mobility will continue to provide service throughout its former ETC service area but will do so as a non-ETC.

AT&T Mobility currently has four (4) Lifeline customers in Virginia. Later this month, it will notify these customers in writing by U.S. mail that, effective December 31, 2014, AT&T Mobility will cease participating in the Lifeline program. The notice will inform these customers that if they desire to continue receiving Lifeline benefits after that date, they should contact another provider and the notice will include the names of other Lifeline providers offering service as well as the link to lifelinesupport.org, through which a consumer may obtain carrier-specific contact information. These four customers may select a non-Lifeline calling plan from AT&T Mobility or if they opt to leave AT&T Mobility in order to obtain discounted Lifeline service from another provider, AT&T Mobility will not impose an early termination fee. To

WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45; *Highland Cellular, LLC (SAC 199002) and AT&T Mobility (SAC 199009) Virginia ETC Designations* (filed Nov. 5, 2008). It completed that SAC consolidation in 2009, leaving just SAC 199009.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4).

³ *Id.*

prevent a bad customer experience, AT&T Mobility also informs the Commission that it will cease enrolling new Lifeline customers as of today.⁴

For the reasons provided above, AT&T requests that the Commission promptly accept the relinquishment of AT&T Mobility's ETC designation (SAC 199009) effective December 31, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

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⁴ See *Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 09-197, CC Docket No. 96-45, 27 FCC Rcd 14215 (WCB 2012) (approving Verizon Wireless's ETC relinquishment notice, which also informed the Commission that it would cease enrolling new Lifeline customers prior to its relinquishment date). See *Verizon Wireless and Alltel Communications, LLC Notice of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designations*, CC Docket No. 96-45, 8 & n.14 (filed Sept. 21, 2012) (citing *Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation to Relinquish Its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Texas PUC Docket No. 40543, Staff Memo at 2 (July 25, 2012) ("Ms. Kimberly Scardino, Deputy Division Chief, the FCC TAPD, stated in an email to Staff dated July 24, 2012, that Staff's requirement that no new Lifeline customers be enrolled in Sprint Nextel's Lifeline plan after the 90-day notices have been sent does not conflict with Federal ETC requirements.")).

ATTACHMENT

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Study Area Name	CLLI
AMELIA TEL CORP	AMELVAXA
BURKE'S GARDEN TEL	BRGRVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	ALTVVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	ARRTVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	ARVNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	AXTNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BCHLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BCHMVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BLCSVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BNMLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BNVSVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BRBGVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BRDNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BRKNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BRVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BSSTVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BTCHVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	BVRDVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	CHVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	CHVLVAXB
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	COVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	CREWVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	CRZTVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	DLWYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	FKUNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	FLDLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	FRRMVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	FRRYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	FRVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	GLDYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	GLSGVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	GMTRVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	HLFXVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	HMSYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	KNBRVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	LACRVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	LURYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	LXTNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	MDDNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	MTPLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	MTVIVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	NTBRVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	PLMYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	PRSPVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	RCMTVAXA

Study Area Name	CLLI
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	RDWYVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	RSBGVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	SBTNVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	SCHLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	SCVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	SDVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	SHNDVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	SPNCVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	STHLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	STNLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	STRTVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	TBVLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	UNHLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	VCTAVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	VLNSVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	VRGLVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	WASHVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	WHTMVAXA
CENDEL OF VIRGINIA	WLWNVAXA
CITIZENS TEL COOP	ALRGVAXA
CITIZENS TEL COOP	BLLRVAXA
CITIZENS TEL COOP	FLYDVAXA
CITIZENS TEL COOP	LCGVVAXA
CITIZENS TEL COOP	WILSVAXA
NTELOS, INC.	CFFRVAXA
NTELOS, INC.	CVTNVAXA
NTELOS, INC.	PTCKVAXA
NTELOS, INC.	WYBOVAXA
PEMBROKE TEL COOP	NWPTVAXA
PEMBROKE TEL COOP	PMBRVAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL	GRETVAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL	HURTVAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL	RENNVAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL	SNLVVAXA
ROANOKE & BOTETOURT	EGRKVAXA
ROANOKE & BOTETOURT	FNCVAXA
ROANOKE & BOTETOURT	ORSKVAXA
ROANOKE & BOTETOURT	TRVLVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	ABNGVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	ATVLVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	BLNDVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	BRSTVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	CANAVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	CERSVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	CHLHVAXA

UNITED INTER-MT-VA	CMRKVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	CRCKVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	DMSCVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	FRISVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	GALXVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	GDSPVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	GTCYVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	HLVLVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	INDPVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	KNRKVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	LRFKVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	MARNVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	MDVWVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	MTWLVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	MXMDVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	RCVYVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	RRRTVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	SGGVVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	SLVLVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	SYLVVAXA
UNITED INTER-MT-VA	WYVLVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	BRWYVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	BWLGVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	CLBHVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	DAWNVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	DLCYVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	EKTNVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	GRBRVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	GRBRVAXB
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	HCKRVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	HRBGVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	INHLVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	KGGRVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	KGWLVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	LRTNVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	MGVLVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	MNSSVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	OCQNVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	PRANVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	PUNGVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	SMFDVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	TPHNVAXA
VERIZON S-VA(CONTEL)	WRSWVAXA
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	ASBNVAAS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	BDFRVABD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	BEVLVABV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	BTHIVABT

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	CLPPVACU
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	CLPPVALI
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	CLPPVARV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	CPCHVACC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	EXMRVAEX
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	GOVLVAGV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	HNKRVAHK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	HRWDVAHW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	LOUSVALU
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	LYBGVANL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	MRSHVAMA
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	ONNCVAON
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	ORNGVAOR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	PRKSVAPK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	PWHTVAPW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	RONKVABS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	SPTSVASP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	SRVLVASP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	STCYVASC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	SWVLVASV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	TMVLVATV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC	WRTNVAWR

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Study Area Code	Study Area Name
199004	US CELLULAR
199010	TRACFONE WIRELESS INC.
199013	VIRGIN MOBILE USA LP
199015	I-WIRELESS LLC
199018	COX VIRGINIA TELCOM LLC

Note: This list does not include T-Mobile or Cricket, both of which announced that they are relinquishing their ETC designations in Virginia.