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Ms. Karen Majcher
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RE: T-Mobile Central, LLC Relinquishment of Universal Service Pursuant to Section 214(e)(4) of the Federal Communications Act of 1996. Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 09-197, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On October 7, 2014, T-Mobile Central, LLC (T-Mobile) requested that its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) certification (SAC 319033), for the purpose of receiving Lifeline/Link-Up (low income) support in Michigan, be relinquished. The certification was provided pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.314 for the remainder of 2014.

The Michigan Public Service Commission's order in Case No. U-16942, approving T-Mobile's request for relinquishment, is attached.

Sincerely,

Robin P. Ancona, Director
Telecommunications Director

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Attachment: MPSC order approving T-Mobile's Relinquishment

cc: Ryan McAnany, MPSC
Jennifer Boyd, MPSC

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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
T-MOBILE CENTRAL LLC for designation)
as an eligible telecommunications carrier)
for the limited purpose of low income support.)
_____)

Case No. U-16942

At the December 18, 2014 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John D. Quackenbush, Chairman
Hon. Greg R. White, Commissioner
Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

ORDER

On February 1, 2012, T-Mobile Central LLC (T-Mobile) filed an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for purposes of universal service fund support. On May 24, 2012, the Commission issued an order approving the application.

On October 7, 2014, T-Mobile filed an application requesting to relinquish its ETC status effective December 31, 2014. The application states that the company has approximately 60 current Lifeline subscribers. The relinquishment will have no impact on T-Mobile's wireless network coverage in Michigan.

47 USC 214(e)(4) provides as follows:

A State commission . . . shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. . . Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission . . .

shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The State commission . . . shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after [approval of] such relinquishment under this paragraph, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

See also, 47 CFR 54.205. Thus, relinquishment may be granted to a carrier for any area that is served by more than one ETC.

T-Mobile indicates that the following providers are ETCs in T-Mobile's service area:

Allendale Telephone Company (SAC 310669 and 310692), Barry County Telephone Company (SAC 310676), Bloomingdale Telephone Company (SAC 310679), CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. (SAC 310702), CenturyTel Midwest - Michigan, Inc. (SAC 310671), Climax Telephone Company (SAC 310688), TDS Telecom/Communications Corp. of MI (SAC 310672), Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company (SAC 310691), Drenthe Telephone Company (SAC 310692), Chapin Telephone Company (SAC 310694), Frontier Midstates Inc. (SAC 313033), Frontier North, Inc. (SAC 310695), Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. (SAC 310682), Lennon Telephone Company (SAC 310708), Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan (SAC 315090), Ogden Telephone Company (SAC 310714), Pigeon Telephone Company (SAC 310721), Sand Creek Telephone Company (SAC 310724), TDS Telecom/Shiawassee Telephone Company (SAC 310726), Springport Telephone Company (SAC 310728), Upper Peninsula Telephone Company (SAC 310732), Waldron Telephone Company (SAC 310734), Westphalia Telephone Company (SAC 310735), and TDS Telecom/Wolverine Telephone Company (SAC 310726).

Based upon the number of additional ETCs serving in T-Mobile's service area, the Commission is confident that all customers served by the relinquishing ETC will continue to receive service. The Commission believes that it is unlikely that the purchase or construction of additional facilities will be required to serve any of T-Mobile's 60 Lifeline customers; however, in accordance with

47 USC 214(e)(4), the Commission sets December 18, 2015 as the deadline for completion of any such purchase or construction.

On October 31, 2014, T-Mobile submitted a copy of the draft notice that it proposes to send to all affected customers prior to December 31, 2014.¹ The Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the notice and finds that it adequately informs customers of the pending change. The notice informs customers that T-Mobile will provide a discount commensurate with the Lifeline discount for an additional 45 days after the date of the notice, free of charge, and will waive early termination fees for any customer choosing to switch to another ETC. The notice also contains a link to a list of other ETCs. T-Mobile will cease enrolling new Lifeline customers on the date that this order issues. The Staff supports T-Mobile's application.

The Commission accepts the relinquishment of the ETC designation of T-Mobile effective December 31, 2014. The Commission requires T-Mobile to provide written notice to current Lifeline customers within five days of the date of this order consistent with the draft notice filed in this docket. The notice shall also be filed in this docket within seven days of the date of its mailing. The Commission further directs T-Mobile to file in this docket, within five days of the expiration of the 45-day period, information on how many subscribers remained with T-Mobile and how many switched to other ETCs.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The eligible telecommunications carrier designation of T-Mobile Central LLC is relinquished effective December 31, 2014.

B. T-Mobile Central LLC shall provide written notice to its current Lifeline customers within five days of the date of this order informing customers that (1) its low-income program will not be

¹ The draft notice was filed in the docket on December 9, 2014.

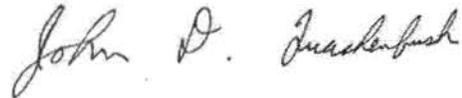
available after December 31, 2014, and (2) current customers will continue to receive an equivalent carrier-provided discount for 45 days after the date of the notice. The notice shall include information on other current eligible telecommunications carriers within the customer's geographic area from whom customers may obtain Lifeline service. The notice shall be filed in this docket within seven days of its mailing to current Lifeline customers.

C. Within five days of the expiration of the 45-day period, T-Mobile Central LLC shall file information in this docket showing how many subscribers remained with the company and how many switched to other eligible telecommunications carriers.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party aggrieved by this order may file an action in the appropriate federal District Court pursuant to 28 USC 1331.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



John D. Quackenbush, Chairman



Greg R. White, Commissioner



Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

By its action of December 18, 2014.



Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary

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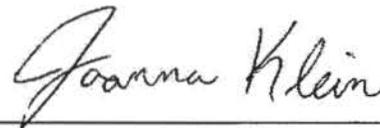
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Joanna Klein being duly sworn, deposes and says that on December 18, 2014 A.D. she served a copy of the attached Commission order by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by inter-departmental mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service list.



Joanna Klein

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 18th day of December 2014

Steven J. Cook

Steven J. Cook
Notary Public, Ingham County, Michigan
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