

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support)
Petition of T-Mobile USA, Inc. for Designation as a Low-Income Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)
WC Docket No. 09-197

To: The Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

REPLY COMMENTS OF T-MOBILE USA, INC.

On March 23, 2012, T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”) filed its Amended Petition (the “Petition”) for Designation as a Low-Income Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, New Hampshire, New York, Tennessee, and Virginia (the “FCC States”), consistent with the Commission’s new rules for Lifeline providers.¹

Comments on the Petition were due May 10, 2012.² There were no oppositions filed, and there is no reason the Commission should hesitate in granting T-Mobile low-income ETC status as quickly as possible. T-Mobile satisfies all of the requirements to be a low-income ETC, and granting the Petition would benefit consumers by allowing a significant new facilities-based competitor to enter the Lifeline market in the FCC States.

¹ Amended Petition of T-Mobile USA, Inc. for Designation as a Low-Income Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed March 23, 2012).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Petitions for Designation as a Low-Income Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Filed by T-Mobile, Kajeet, Tag Mobile, Telrite and Global Connection*, WC Docket No. 09-197, Public Notice, DA 12-566 (rel. April 10, 2012).

T-Mobile urges the Commission to grant its Petition without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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