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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: TAG Mobile, LLC Compliance Plan; WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 6, 2012, TAG Mobile, LLC ("TAG") submitted its Compliance Plan outlining the measures it will take to implement the conditions imposed by the Commission in its *Lifeline Reform Order*.[1] On April 27, 2012, TAG revised its Compliance Plan to provide additional details and clarifications.

TAG has further revised its Compliance Plan to: 1) confirm in footnote 3 that TAG will follow the requirements of its Compliance Plan in all states where it provides Lifeline service and receives reimbursements from the federal Low-Income Fund, including in any state where the public utilities commission determines that TAG provides service using its own facilities for purposes of a state universal service program; 2) provide additional detail regarding TAG's relationships with its underlying providers in the 911/E911 section; 3) note in Section I.B. that TAG personnel will write down, where available, the last four digits of an account or other identifying number on applicants' proof of eligibility document, the date of the proof document and the expiration of the proof document; 4) revise its Lifeline application/certification forms included in Exhibit B to collect such information on the proof of eligibility document; 5) provide in Exhibit C an income eligibility worksheet that will be used with applicants that apply

[1] *See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report And Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (Feb. 6, 2012).

for Lifeline service based on income; 6) discuss further efforts that TAG has undertaken and is undertaking to prevent duplicate enrollments by sending a Training Reminder, participating in the In-Depth Validation process and participating in a pooled external duplicates database (Section I.F.); 7) revising TAG's Lifeline offering in Section II to be a 250 minute plan; and 8) providing further details regarding the financial and technical capabilities of TAG and its ownership in Section III.

TAG hereby re-submits its complete Compliance Plan with the above revisions. Based on the minor nature of these changes, TAG reiterates its request for expeditious approval of its Compliance Plan. This letter and revised Compliance Plan is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support	WC Docket No. 09-197
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization	WC Docket No. 11-42
TAG Mobile, LLC	

TAG MOBILE, LLC COMPLIANCE PLAN

TAG Mobile, LLC ("TAG" or the "Company"),[1] through its undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully submits and requests expeditious approval of its Compliance Plan outlining the measures it will take to implement the conditions imposed by the Commission in its *Lifeline Reform Order*.[2]

TAG commends the Commission's commitment to a nationwide communications system that promotes the safety and welfare of all Americans, including Lifeline customers. TAG will comply with 911 requirements as described below and it is submitting this Compliance Plan in order to qualify for blanket forbearance from the

[1] TAG hereby also reports its corporate and trade names, identifiers, and its holding company, operating companies and affiliates in Exhibit A attached hereto.

[2] *See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training,* WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report And Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (Feb. 6, 2012) ("*Lifeline Reform Order*"). The Company herein submits the information required by the Compliance Plan Public Notice. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance for the Submission of Compliance Plans Pursuant to the Lifeline Reform Order*, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42, Public Notice, DA 12-314 (rel. Feb. 29, 2012).

facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A) of the Communications Act and participate as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in the Lifeline program.[3]

TAG will comply fully with all conditions set forth in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, as well as with the Commission's Lifeline rules and policies more generally.[4] This Compliance Plan describes the specific measures that TAG intends to implement to achieve these objectives. Specifically, this Compliance Plan: (1) describes the specific measures that TAG will take to implement the obligations contained in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, including the procedures TAG follows in enrolling a subscriber in Lifeline and submitting for reimbursement for that subscriber from the Low-Income Fund, materials related to initial and ongoing certifications and sample marketing materials; and (2) provides a detailed description of how TAG offers Lifeline services, the geographic areas in which it offers services, and a detailed description of TAG's Lifeline service plan offerings.

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[3] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 368. Although TAG qualifies for and seeks to avail itself of the Commission's grant of forbearance from the facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A) for purposes of the federal Lifeline program, the Company reserves the right to demonstrate to a state public utilities commission that it provides service using its own facilities in a state for purposes of state universal service funding under state program rules and requirements. TAG will follow the requirements of the Commission's Lifeline rules and this Compliance Plan in all states in which it provides Lifeline service and receives reimbursements from the federal Low-Income Fund, including in any state where the public utilities commission determines that TAG provides service using its own facilities for purposes of a state universal service program.

[4] In addition, this Compliance Plan is consistent with the compliance plan filed by Global Connection Inc. of America. *See* Global Connection of America Inc. Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42 (Apr. 30, 2012). The Global Connection compliance plan was approved on May 25, 2012. *See* Public Notice, DA 12-828.

ACCESS TO 911 AND E911 SERVICES[5]

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Reform Order*, forbearance is conditioned upon TAG: (1) providing its Lifeline subscribers with 911 and E911 access, regardless of activation status and availability of minutes; and (2) providing its Lifeline subscribers with E911-compliant handsets and replacing, at no additional charge to the subscriber, noncompliant handsets of Lifeline-eligible subscribers who obtain Lifeline-supported services.[6] TAG will comply with these conditions starting on the effective date of the *Lifeline Reform Order*.

TAG will provide its Lifeline customers with access to 911 and E911 services immediately upon activation of service. The Commission and consumers are hereby assured that all TAG customers will have available access to emergency calling services at the time that Lifeline service is initiated, and that such 911 and E911 access will be available from TAG handsets, even if the account associated with the handset has no minutes remaining.

TAG's existing practices currently provide access to 911 and E911 services for all customers. TAG uses Sprint and Verizon Wireless as its underlying network providers/carriers. TAG has a direct contract for wireless services from Sprint and purchases Verizon Wireless service through Coast 2 Coast. Sprint and Verizon Wireless route 911 calls from TAG's customers in the same manner as 911 calls from Sprint and Verizon Wireless' own retail customers. To the extent that Sprint and Verizon Wireless are certified in a given PSAP territory, this 911 capability will function the same for

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5 *See* Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

6 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 373.

TAG. TAG also currently enables 911 emergency calling services for all properly activated handsets regardless of whether the account associated with the handset is active or suspended. Finally, TAG transmits all 911 calls initiated from any of its handsets even if the account associated with the handset has no remaining minutes.

E911-Compliant Handsets. TAG will ensure that all handsets used in connection with its Lifeline service offering will be E911-compliant. In point of fact, TAG's phones have always been and will continue to be 911 and E911-compliant. TAG uses phones purchased from various entities, and all phones undergo a thorough quality inspection by TAG prior to being distributed to customers. All TAG handsets are required to meet TAG's minimum handset specifications, which ensure that the handset models used meet all 911 and E911 requirements. As a result, any existing TAG customer that qualifies for and subsequently elects Lifeline service will already have a 911/E911-compliant handset provided by TAG. Additionally, any new customer that qualifies for and enrolls in TAG's Lifeline program is assured of receiving a 911/E911-compliant handset as well, free of charge.

COMPLIANCE PLAN

I. PROCEDURES TO ENROLL A SUBSCRIBER IN LIFELINE[7]

A. Policy

TAG complies with the uniform eligibility criteria established in new section 54.409 of the Commission's rules as well as any additional certification and verification requirements for Lifeline eligibility in states where TAG is designated as an ETC.

[7] *See* Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

Therefore, all subscribers are required to demonstrate eligibility based at least on: (1) household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or (2) the household's participation in one of the federal assistance programs listed in new sections 54.409(a)(2) or 54.409(a)(3) of the Commission's rules. In addition, through the certification requirements described below, TAG will confirm that the subscriber is not already receiving a Lifeline service and no one else in the subscriber's household is subscribed to a Lifeline service.

B. Eligibility Determination

More than 60 percent of TAG's Lifeline customer enrollment is done in-person by its field representatives. Customers can also sign up for Lifeline service, ask questions and re-certify at TAG's retail store locations. Further, TAG now has kiosks where eligible customers can enroll in TAG's Lifeline service by completing an electronic enrollment. Approximately 30 percent of customer acquisitions take place at TAG's retail locations or kiosks. The remaining 10 percent of customer enrollments are done via TAG's website.

If TAG cannot determine a prospective subscriber's eligibility for Lifeline by accessing income databases or program eligibility databases, TAG's employees or agents ("Company personnel") will review documentation establishing eligibility pursuant to the Lifeline rules.[8] All Company personnel who interact with current or prospective customers will be trained to assist Lifeline applicants in determining whether they are eligible to participate based on the federal and state-specific income-based and/or program-based criteria. These Company personnel will be trained to answer questions

[8] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 100; section 54.410(b)(1)(i)(B), 54.410(c)(1)(i)(B).

about Lifeline eligibility, and will review required documentation to determine whether it satisfies the *Lifeline Reform Order* and state-specific eligibility requirements using state-specific checklists.

Proof of Eligibility. Company personnel will be trained on acceptable documentation required to establish income-based and program-based eligibility.[9] Acceptable documentation of program eligibility includes: (1) the current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; (2) a notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; (3) program participation documents (*e.g.*, the consumer's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) electronic benefit transfer card or Medicaid participation card (or copy thereof)); or (4) another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.[10]

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; a Social Security statement of benefits; a Veterans Administration statement of benefits; a retirement/pension statement of benefits; an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance; or a divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months time.[11]

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9 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 101. *See also* USAC Guidance available at http://www.usac.org/li/telecom-carriers/step06/default.aspx.

10 *Id*. and section 54.410(c)(1)(i)(B).

11 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; section 54.410.(b)(1)(i)(B).

Company personnel will examine this documentation for each Lifeline applicant, and will record the type of documentation used to satisfy the income- or program-based criteria by checking the appropriate box on the application form.[12] In addition, Company personnel will fill in, where available, the last four digits of an account or other identifying number on the proof document, the date of the proof document and the expiration of the proof document. TAG will not retain a copy of this documentation, except where state rules require such retention.[13] Customers enrolled via TAG's kiosks must scan their documentation demonstrating eligibility into the kiosk and customers that enroll in TAG's Lifeline service via the Internet, must send a copy of the documentation demonstrating eligibility to TAG by fax, email or mail, which TAG will review and then destroy. Where Company personnel conclude that proffered documentation is insufficient to establish such eligibility, TAG will deny the associated application and inform the applicant of the reason for such rejection. In the event that Company personnel cannot ascertain whether documentation of a specific type is sufficient to establish an applicant's eligibility, the matter will be escalated to the appropriately qualified supervisory personnel at TAG's corporate headquarters in Carrollton, Texas.

De-Enrollment for Ineligibility. If TAG has a reasonable basis to believe that one of its Lifeline subscribers no longer meets the eligibility criteria, TAG will notify the subscriber of impending termination in writing and in compliance with any state dispute resolution procedures applicable to Lifeline termination, and give the subscriber 30 days to demonstrate continued eligibility.[14] A demonstration of eligibility must comply with

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12 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; sections 54.410(b)(1)(iii), 54.410(c)(1)(iii).

13 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; sections 54.410(b)(1)(ii), 54.410(c)(1)(ii).

14 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 143; section 54.405(e)(1).

the annual verification procedures below and found in new rule section 54.410(f), including the submission of a completed and signed certification form.

C. Subscriber Certifications for Enrollment

TAG will implement certification policies and procedures that enable consumers to demonstrate their eligibility for Lifeline assistance to Company personnel as detailed in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, together with any additional state certification requirements.[15] TAG shares the Commission's concern about abuse of the Lifeline program and is thus committed to the safeguards stated herein, with the belief that these procedures will prevent TAG's customers from engaging in such abuse of the program, inadvertently or intentionally. Every applicant will be required to complete an application/certification form containing disclosures, and collecting certain information and certifications as discussed below.[16] Applicants that seek to enroll based on income eligibility will be referred to a worksheet showing the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size.[17]

Applicants that do not complete the form in person will be required to submit a completed and signed application/certification to TAG by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic transmission, inclusive of the required proof of eligibility. Any evidentiary documentation submitted with the application/certification is used strictly to verify a consumer's eligibility to participate in the Lifeline program. Upon approval of the customer's application/certification, such proof of eligibility is either returned to the

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15 *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 61; section 54.410(a).

16 *See* Model Application/Certification Forms, included as Exhibit B. *See* Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

17 *See* Income Eligibility Worksheet, included as Exhibit C.

customer or destroyed, and is not retained by TAG, as previously stated in section I.B above. In addition, Company personnel will verbally explain the certifications to consumers when they are enrolling in person or over the phone.[18]

Disclosures. TAG's application/certification forms will include the following disclosures: (1) Lifeline is a federal benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program; (2) only one Lifeline service is available per household; (3) a household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses; (4) a household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers; (5) violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Commission's rules and will result in the applicant's de-enrollment from the program; and (6) Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and the applicant may not transfer his or her benefit to any other person.[19]

Application/certification forms will also state that: (1) the service for which the consumer is applying is a Lifeline service, (2) Lifeline is a government assistance program, and (3) only eligible consumers may enroll in the program.[20]

In addition, TAG will notify the applicant that the Lifeline service must be personally activated by the applicant/subscriber and the service will be deactivated and the subscriber de-enrolled if the subscriber does not use the service for 60 days.[21]

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18 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 123.

19 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 121; section 54.410(d)(1).

20 *See* section 54.405(c).

21 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257.

Information Collection. TAG will also collect the following information from the applicant in the application/certification form: (1) the applicant's full name; (2) the applicant's full residential address (P.O. Box is not sufficient[22]); (3) whether the applicant's residential address is permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's billing address, if different from the applicant's residential address; (5) the applicant's date of birth; (6) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number (or the applicant's Tribal identification number, if the subscriber is a member of a Tribal nation and does not have a Social Security number); (7) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the program-based criteria, the name of the qualifying assistance program from which the applicant, his or her dependents, or his or her household receives benefits; and (8) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the income-based criterion, the number of individuals in his or her household.[23]

Applicant Certification. Consistent with new rule section 54.410(d)(3), TAG will require the applicant to certify, under penalty of perjury, in writing or by electronic signature or interactive voice response recording,[24] the following: (1) the applicant meets the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline; (2) the applicant will notify TAG within 30 days if for any reason he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if the applicant no longer meets the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, the applicant is receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of the applicant's household is receiving a Lifeline benefit; (3) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for

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22 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 87.

23 *See* section 54.410(d)(2).

24 *See Lifeline Reform Order*. ¶¶ 168-69; section 54.419.

Lifeline as an eligible resident of Tribal lands, that he or she lives on Tribal lands; (4) if the applicant moves to a new address, that he or she will provide that new address to TAG within 30 days; (5) if the applicant provided a temporary residential address to TAG, the applicant will be required to verify his or her temporary residential address every 90 days; (6) the applicant's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, the applicant's household is not already receiving a Lifeline service; (7) the information contained in the applicant's application/certification form is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge; (8) the applicant acknowledges that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and (9) the applicant acknowledges that the applicant may be required to re-certify his or her continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and the applicant's failure to re-certify as to the applicant' s continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of the applicant's Lifeline benefits pursuant to the de-enrollment policy included below and in the Commission's rules.

In addition, the applicant will be required to authorize TAG to access any records required to verify the applicant's statements on the application/certification form and to confirm the applicant's eligibility for the Lifeline credit. The applicant must also authorize TAG to release any records required for the administration of the Lifeline credit program, including to USAC to be used in a Lifeline program database.[25]

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[25] *See* Section 54.404(b)(9). The application/certification form will also describe the information that will be transmitted, that the information is being transmitted to USAC to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline program and that failure to provide consent will result in the applicant being denied the Lifeline service. *See id*.

D. Annual Verification Procedures

TAG will annually re-certify all subscribers by querying the appropriate eligibility databases or obtaining a signed certification from each subscriber consistent with the certification requirements above and new section 54.410(d) of the Commission's rules. This certification will include a confirmation that the applicant's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of the subscriber's knowledge, the subscriber's household is receiving no more than one Lifeline service.[26] TAG will notify each participating Lifeline customer annually that he or she must confirm his or her continued eligibility in accordance with the applicable requirements. Further, the verification materials will inform the subscriber that he or she is being contacted to re-certify his or her continuing eligibility for Lifeline service and if the subscriber fails to respond, he or she will be de-enrolled from the program.[27]

2012 Verification. TAG will re-certify the eligibility of each of its existing subscribers as of June 1, 2012 on a rolling basis by the end of 2012 and report the results to USAC by January 31, 2013.[28] TAG will contact its subscribers via text message to their Lifeline supported telephone, or by mail, phone, email or other Internet communication. The notice will explain the actions the customer must take to retain their Lifeline benefits, when such Lifeline benefits may be terminated, and how to contact TAG in response to the re-certification requirement.

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[26] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 120.

[27] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 145.

[28] *See id.*, ¶ 130.

Verification De-Enrollment. TAG will de-enroll subscribers that do not respond to the annual verification or fail to provide the required certification.[29] TAG will give subscribers 30 days to respond to the initial annual verification inquiry. If the subscriber does not respond, TAG will send a separate written notice explaining that failure to respond within 30 days will result in the subscriber's de-enrollment from the Lifeline program. If the subscriber does not respond within 30 days from the date of the written notice, TAG will de-enroll the subscriber within five business days.

E. Activation and Non-Usage

TAG will not consider a Lifeline subscriber activated, and will not seek reimbursement for Lifeline service for that subscriber, until the subscriber activates TAG's Lifeline service by affirmatively acknowledging that they are the applicant and that they have applied for and wish to receive Lifeline service from TAG. More specifically, currently all phones are shipped directly to TAG's Lifeline customers, even when enrollment is in-person. The customer must receive the phone and activate it by entering the last four digits of the customer's Social Security number (or the applicant's Tribal identification number, if the subscriber is a member of a Tribal nation and does not have a Social Security number) that was used to enroll in the Lifeline service. If the customer attempts to make any call other than to 911 prior to activating the service, the call will automatically be routed to TAG's customer support line where Company personnel will ask the customer for the required four digits to activate the service.

After service activation, TAG will provide a de-enrollment notice to subscribers that have not used their service for 60 days. After 60 days of non-use, TAG will provide

[29] *See id.*, ¶ 142; section 54.54.405(e)(4).

notice to the subscriber that failure to use the Lifeline service or provide other confirmation directly to TAG that the subscriber wishes to retain their Lifeline service within 30-days from the date of the de-enrollment notice will result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program.[30] Subscribers can "use" the service by: (1) completing an outbound call; (2) purchasing minutes from TAG to add to the subscriber's plan; (3) answering an incoming call from a party other than TAG; or (4) responding to a direct contact from TAG confirming that the subscriber wants to continue receiving the service.[31] In addition to the above, TAG's usage team identifies accounts that have not been used for 30 days and sends a text message to such customers asking the customers to respond to the text message or call TAG's customer service number within 30 days to keep their account active. After 45 days of non-usage, TAG's internal outreach team attempts to contact the customer to inquire about the customer's intentions to retain the service.

If the subscriber does not respond to the notice as provided above, the subscriber will be de-enrolled from the Lifeline program and TAG will not request further Lifeline reimbursement for the subscriber. TAG will report annually to the Commission the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.[32]

F. Additional Measures to Prevent Waste, Fraud and Abuse

To supplement its verification and certification procedures, and to better ensure that customers understand the Lifeline service restrictions with respect to duplicates,

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30 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

31 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 261; section 54.407(c)(2).

32 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

TAG will implement measures and procedures to prevent duplicate Lifeline benefits being awarded to the same household. These measures entail additional emphasis in written disclosures as well as live due diligence.

In addition to checking the National Lifeline Accountability Database contemplated in the *Lifeline Reform Order* (the "Database") when it becomes available, Company personnel emphasize the "one Lifeline phone per household" restriction in their direct sales contacts with potential customers. Training materials include a discussion of the limitation to one Lifeline phone per household, and the need to ensure that the customer is informed of this restriction. All Company personnel interacting with existing and potential Lifeline customers undergo training regarding the eligibility and certification requirements in the *Lifeline Reform Order* and this Compliance Plan. Agents must sign and return to TAG the Acknowledgement of Receipt of the training manual that they receive as part of this training.

Further, all agents must provide proof of employment (*e.g.*, drivers license or copy of W-9 form) for all employees that will be enrolling Lifeline customers for TAG. All agents must read, understand and follow TAG's Code of Conduct. Each agent must have a signed copy of the Code of Conduct on file with TAG in order to enroll customers for TAG. All dealers and agents are given a toll-free hotline to a live dealer representative and an email address that can be used for any issues or questions regarding Lifeline eligibility or prepaid services. Finally, on or before May 4, 2012, all TAG agents and representatives received a Training Reminder, which TAG also filed with the Commission, designed to remind all Company personnel engaged in enrollment of

Lifeline applicants regarding their obligations to explain the one-per-household restriction to Lifeline applicants.

National Lifeline Accountability Database. When the Database becomes available, TAG will comply with the requirements of new rule section 54.404. TAG will query the Database to determine whether an applicant is currently receiving Lifeline service from another ETC and whether anyone else living at the applicant's residential address is currently receiving Lifeline service.[33]

One-Per-Household. TAG will implement the requirements of the *Lifeline Reform Order* to ensure that it provides only one Lifeline benefit per household[34] through the use of its application/certification forms discussed above, database checks and its marketing materials discussed below. Upon receiving an application for Lifeline service, TAG will search its own internal records to ensure that it does not already provide Lifeline-supported service to someone at the same residential address.[35] If so, and the applicant lives at an address with multiple households, TAG will require the applicant to

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[33] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 203. Company will also transmit to the National Database the information required for each new and existing Lifeline subscriber. *See id*., ¶¶ 189-195; section 54.404(b)(6). Further, Company will update each subscriber's information in the National Database within ten business days of any change, except for de-enrollment, which will be transmitted within one business day. *See* section 54.404(b)(8),(10).

[34] A "household" is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives with someone who provides financial support to him/her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians. *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 74; section 54.400(h).

[35] *See id*., ¶ 78.

complete and submit a written USAC document containing the following: (1) an explanation of the Commission's one-per-household rule; (2) a check box that an applicant can mark to indicate that he or she lives at an address occupied by multiple households; (3) a space for the applicant to certify that he or she shares an address with other adults who do not contribute income to the applicant's household and share in the household's expenses or benefit from the applicant's income, pursuant to the Commission's definition; and (4) the penalty for a consumer's failure to make the required one-per-household certification (*i.e.*, de-enrollment).[36] Further, if an applicant provides a temporary address on his or her application/certification form collected as described above, TAG will verify with the applicant/subscriber every 90 days that the address provided in the application/certification remains valid.[37]

In addition, Company personnel will inform each Lifeline applicant that he or she may be receiving Lifeline support under another name, facilitate the applicant's understanding of what constitutes "Lifeline-supported services," and assist in determining whether he or she is already benefiting from Lifeline support, by informing the consumer that not all Lifeline services are currently marketed under the name Lifeline.

Further, at the time of enrollment, TAG will check each applicant against a pooled duplicates database established by CGM, LLC. TAG's subscriber list is currently in the pooled database for other ETCs to check against, and TAG is building the systems necessary to interface with the pooled database and check for duplicates. TAG expects to have that application completed in July, 2012.

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36 *See id.*. The USAC worksheet is available at http://www.usac.org/li/tools/news/default.aspx#582.

37 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 89.

Finally, TAG will continue to participate in the In-Depth Validation process with the Commission and USAC to locate and address duplicates between ETCs in various states until the national database is in place.

Marketing Materials. Within the deadline provided in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, TAG will include the following information regarding its Lifeline service on all marketing materials describing the service: (1) it is a Lifeline service, (2) Lifeline is a government assistance program, (3) Lifeline service is non-transferable, (4) only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program, (5) the Lifeline program is limited to one discount per household; (6) that documentation is necessary for enrollment; (7) TAG's name (the ETC); and (8) the Company's application/certification form will state that consumers who willfully make a false statement in order to obtain the Lifeline benefit can be punished by fine, imprisonment or being barred from the program.[38] These statements will be included in all print, audio video and web materials (including social networking media) used to describe or enroll customers in TAG's Lifeline service offering, as well as TAG's application/certification forms and annual re-certification forms.[39] This specifically includes the Company's website (www.tagmobile.com) and any outdoor signage.[40] Samples of TAG's marketing materials are included as Exhibit D.

G. Company Reimbursements From the Fund

To ensure that TAG does not seek reimbursement from the Fund without a subscriber's consent, TAG will certify, as part of each reimbursement request, that it is in

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38 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 275; section 54.405(c).

39 *Id*.

40 *Id*.

compliance with all of the Commission's Lifeline rules and, to the extent required, has obtained valid application/certification and verification forms from each of the subscribers for whom it is seeking reimbursement.[41] Further, the Company will transition the submission of its FCC Forms 497 to the eighth day of each month in order to be reimbursed the same month, and inform USAC, to the extent necessary, to transition its reimbursement process to actual claims rather than projected claims over the course of more than one month.[42] In addition, TAG will keep accurate records as directed by USAC[43] and as required by new section 54.417 of the Commission's rules.

H. Annual Company Certifications

TAG will submit an annual certification to USAC, signed by a Company officer under penalty of perjury, that TAG: (1) has policies and procedures in place to review consumers' proof of eligibility documentation and ensure that its Lifeline subscribers are eligible to receive Lifeline services;[44] (2) is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures;[45] and (3) has obtained a valid application/certification form for each subscriber for whom TAG seeks Lifeline reimbursement.[46]

In addition, TAG will provide the results of its annual re-certifications/verifications to the Commission, USAC, the applicable state commission and the relevant Tribal governments (for subscribers residing on Tribal lands) on an

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41 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 128; section 54.407(d).

42 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 302-306.

43 *See id*.

44 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 126; section 54.416(a)(1).

45 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 127; section 54.416(a)(2).

46 *See* section 54.416(a)(3).

annual basis.[47] Further, as discussed above, TAG will report annually to the Commission the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.[48]

TAG will also annually report to the Commission, USAC, and relevant state commissions and the relevant authority in a U.S. territory or Tribal government as appropriate,[49] the Company name, names of TAG's holding company, operating companies and affiliates, and any branding (such as a "dba" or brand designation) as well as relevant universal service identifiers for each entity by Study Area Code.[50] TAG will report annually information regarding the terms and conditions of its Lifeline plans for voice telephony service offered specifically for low income consumers during the previous year, including the number of minutes provided and whether there are additional charges to the consumer for service, including minutes of use and/or toll calls.[51] Finally, TAG will annually provide detailed information regarding service outages in the previous year, the number of complaints received and certification of compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules, as well as a certification that TAG is able to function in emergency situations.[52]

I. Cooperation with State and Federal Regulators

TAG has cooperated and will continue to cooperate with federal and state regulators to prevent waste, fraud and abuse. More specifically, TAG will:

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47 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 132,148; section 54.416(b).

48 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

49 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, section 54.422(c).

50 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 296, 390; section 54.422(a).

51 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 390; section 54.422(b)(5).

52 *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 389; section 54.422(b)(1)-(4).

- Make available state-specific subscriber data, including the names and addresses of its Lifeline subscribers, to USAC and to each state public utilities commission where TAG operates for the purpose of determining whether an existing Lifeline subscriber receives Lifeline service from another carrier;[53]

- Assist the Commission, USAC, state commissions, and other ETCs in resolving instances of duplicative enrollment by Lifeline subscribers, including by providing to USAC and/or any state commission, upon request, the necessary information to detect and resolve duplicative Lifeline claims;

- Promptly investigate any notification that it receives from the Commission, USAC, or a state commission to the effect that one of its customers already receives Lifeline service from another carrier; and

- Immediately de-enroll any subscriber whom TAG has a reasonable basis to believe[54] is receiving Lifeline-supported service from another ETC or is no longer eligible to participate in the Lifeline program – whether or not such information is provided by the Commission, USAC, or a state commission.

II. Description of Lifeline Service Offerings[55]

TAG will offer its Lifeline service in the states where it is designated as an ETC[56] and throughout the coverage area of its underlying providers, Sprint and Verizon Wireless. TAG's Lifeline offering will provide customers with a 250 minute anytime talk and text plan without rollover and text messaging at a rate of 1 text per voice minute.[57] Lifeline customers can purchase additional bundles of minutes, referred to in

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53 TAG anticipates that the need to provide such information will sunset following the implementation of the Database.

54 *See* section 54.405(e)(1).

55 *See* Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

56 TAG is currently designated as an ETC in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

57 TAG is in the process of transitioning its Lifeline offerings and existing customers over to the new 250 minute plan. All new customers will be offered the 250 minute plan.

TAG's general terms and conditions as replenishment plans. TAG's replenishment plans are available in 30 day increments, and include text messaging and data service. Standard replenishment plan pricing and terms are as follows:

100 minutes, up to 200 text messages & 5MB data[58] for $7.00
500 minutes, up to 1000 text messages & 20MB data for $20.00
1000 minutes, up to 1200 text messages & 30MB data for $30.00

These replenishment plans, or "top-up" minutes, are available for purchase at TAG's retail locations and on its website. Where text messaging is not included in a plan as a separate component, it is available with all TAG voice plans at a default rate of one (1) text, either sent or received, to one (1) minute of airtime usage. This rate of decrementing may vary by state subject to specific requirements for Lifeline offerings in a state. Additional information regarding TAG's plans, rates and services can be found on its website at www.tagmobile.com.

In addition to free voice services, TAG's Lifeline plan will include a free handset and custom calling features at no charge, including Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling, and Voicemail. All plans include domestic long-distance at no extra per minute charge. Calls to 911 emergency services are always free, regardless of service activation or availability of minutes.

III. Demonstration of Financial and Technical Capabilities and Certifications Required for ETC Designation[59]

Financial and Technical Capabilities. Revised Commission rule 54.202(a)(4), 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(4), requires carriers petitioning for ETC designation to demonstrate financial and technical capability to comply with the Commission's Lifeline service

[58] Available on phones with data capabilities.

[59] *See* Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

requirements.[60] The Compliance Plan Public Notice requires that carriers' compliance plan include this demonstration. Among the factors the Commission will consider are: a carrier's prior offering of service to non-Lifeline subscribers, the length of time the carrier has been in business, whether the carrier relies exclusively on Lifeline reimbursement to operate; whether the carrier receives revenues from other sources and whether the carrier has been the subject of an enforcement action or ETC revocation proceeding in any state.

TAG has been providing telecommunications service since March of 2010 and it has been providing Lifeline service since October of 2010. As discussed in Section II *supra*, TAG receives revenue from a number of sources which are completely independent from the revenue it receives in the form of Lifeline reimbursements. TAG's revenue stream includes, in addition to its Lifeline service offerings, income from the sale of replenishment airtime minutes, the sale of prepaid wireless service to non-Lifeline consumers, the sale of wholesale airtime to smaller and/or regional wireless service providers including ETCs for traditional prepaid service and Lifeline service, and the sale of various other ancillary services, including but not limited to Wireless Land Line Replacement service, data services, and text only service packages. TAG receives revenues from these wholesale and non-Lifeline retail offerings, and also has access to other financial resources including from its well-established parent company Amvensys Capitol Group, LLC. Amvensys Capitol Group, LLC, as shown in Exhibit A, holds eleven companies, four of which offer telecommunications services and only two of which are ETCs that are able to provide Lifeline service and seek reimbursement from

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[60] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 387-388 (revising Commission rule 54.202(a)(4)).

the Fund. Consequently, TAG has not and will not be relying exclusively on Lifeline reimbursement for its operating revenues. The Company has not been subject to enforcement sanctions or ETC revocation proceedings in any state.

Service Requirements Applicable to TAG's Support. The Compliance Plan Public Notice requires carriers to include "certifications required under newly amended section 54.202 of the Commission's rules."[61] TAG certifies that it will comply with the service requirements applicable to the support it receives.[62] TAG provides all of the telecommunications services supported by the Lifeline program and will make the services available to all qualified consumers throughout the states in which it is designated as an ETC. TAG's services include voice telephony services that provide voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent. TAG's service offerings provide its customers with a set number of minutes of use for local service at no charge to the customer. TAG's current Lifeline offerings include the packages described in Section II *supra* that can be used for both local and domestic toll service.

TAG also will provide access to emergency services provided by local government or public safety officials, including 911 and E911 where available, and will comply with any Commission requirements regarding E911-compatible handsets. As discussed above, TAG will comply with the Commission's forbearance grant conditions relating to the provision of 911 and E911 services and handsets.

Finally, TAG will not provide toll limitation service ("TLS"), which allows low income consumers to avoid unexpected toll charges. However, since TAG is a prepaid

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61 Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

62 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(1).

service provider, customers cannot be disconnected for failure to pay toll charges, nor are there additional charges for exceeding their pre set minutes. Further, TAG, like most wireless carriers, does not differentiate domestic long distance toll usage from local usage and all usage is paid for in advance. Pursuant to the *Lifeline Reform Order*, subscribers to such services are not considered to have voluntarily elected to receive TLS.[63]

IV. Conclusion

TAG submits that its Compliance Plan fully satisfies the conditions set forth in the Commission's *Lifeline Reform Order*, the Compliance Plan Public Notice and the Lifeline rules. Accordingly, TAG respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously approve its Compliance Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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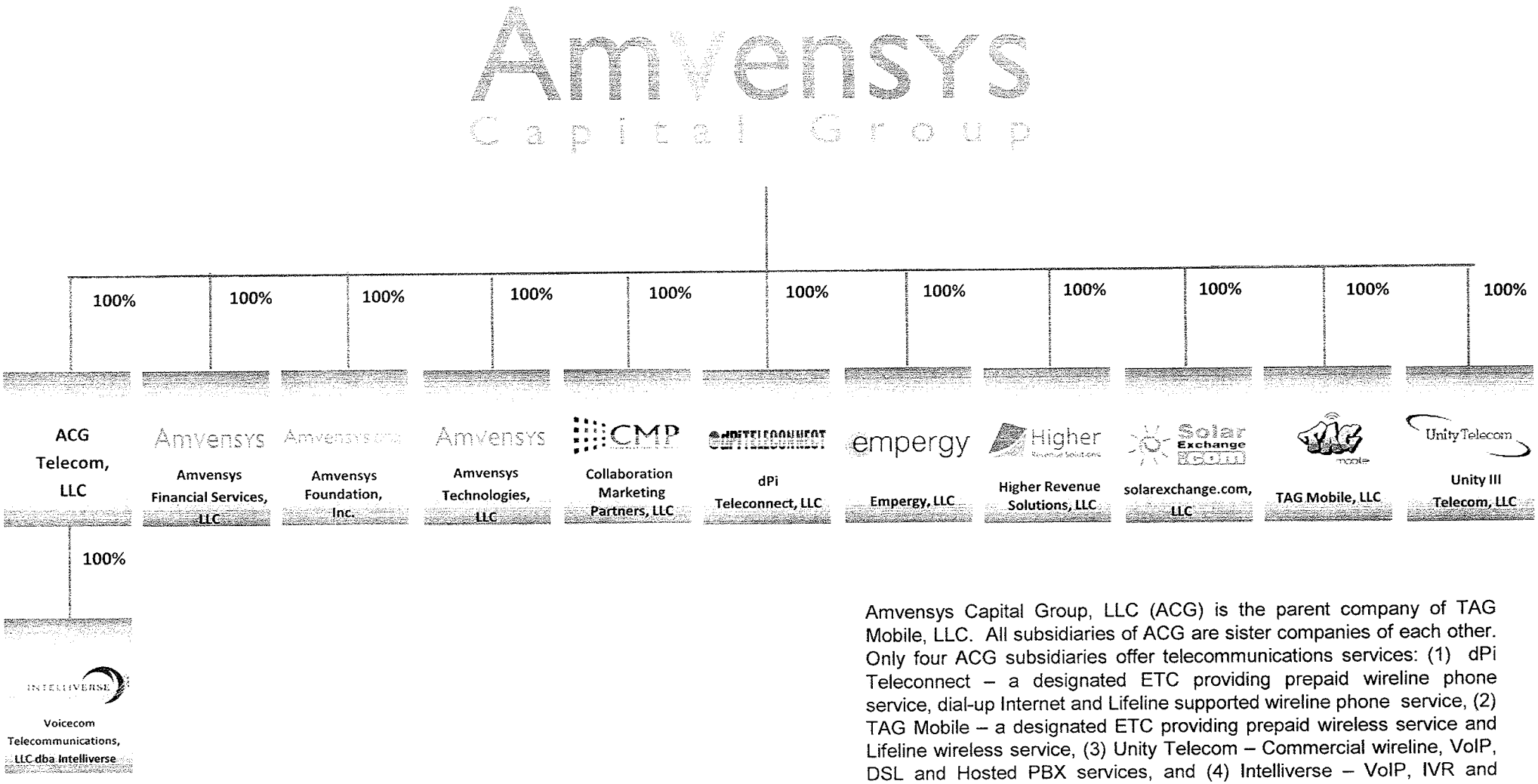
[63] *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 230.

EXHIBIT A

Legal Structure



Amvensys Capital Group, LLC (ACG) is the parent company of TAG Mobile, LLC. All subsidiaries of ACG are sister companies of each other. Only four ACG subsidiaries offer telecommunications services: (1) dPi Teleconnect – a designated ETC providing prepaid wireline phone service, dial-up Internet and Lifeline supported wireline phone service, (2) TAG Mobile – a designated ETC providing prepaid wireless service and Lifeline wireless service, (3) Unity Telecom – Commercial wireline, VoIP, DSL and Hosted PBX services, and (4) Intelliverse – VoIP, IVR and Hosted PBX services.

EXHIBIT B

(STATE) Wireless Lifeline Service Application

When completed mail or fax form to:
1330 Capital Parkway
Carrollton, TX 75006
Fax 866-254-6320
Customer Service: 1-866-959-4918

A complete and signed Lifeline Application and Certification Form ("Application") is required to enroll your household in TAG Mobile, LLC's ("TAG's") Lifeline program in your state. This Application is only for the purpose of verifying your eligibility for the Lifeline service program and will not be used for any other purpose. Lifeline is a government assistance program and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Lifeline service is a non-transferrable service and therefore may not be transferred to any other individual, including another eligible low-income consumer. All Lifeline subscribers must complete their own Application for service. Service requests will not be processed until this Application has been received and validated by TAG. Applicants must personally activate TAG's Lifeline service by calling 1-866-959-4918 and selecting Option 2 for activations.

Lifeline benefits are federal benefits and Applicants that make false statements in order to obtain the Lifeline benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment, de-enrollment or can be barred from the program. Only one Lifeline service is available per household. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. A household may not receive multiple Lifeline benefits from multiple providers. A violation of the one-per-household requirement constitutes a violation of the Federal Communication Commission's rules and will result in de-enrollment from the program, and could result in criminal prosecution by the United States government. The Lifeline benefit may be applied to either one landline or one wireless number, but cannot be applied to both. Note that not all Lifeline services are currently marketed under the name Lifeline.

Each household will be required to verify continued eligibility for Lifeline program participation on at least an annual basis.

I (Applicant) participate in at least one of the following programs, and am able to verify my identity and participation as required:

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- ❑ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ❑ Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- ❑ Medicaid (not Medicare)
- ❑ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ❑ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ❑ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)
- ❑ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program (NSL)
- ❑ Income at or below 135% of federal poverty level

Evidence of program eligibility is required. Where such eligibility cannot be validated through a state and/or federal database or other alternative means, it may be validated in person by a TAG Agent by providing a copy of the Applicant's state issued ID card and a copy of the program identification card or other social service agency documentation showing current participation.

I (Applicant) certify, under penalty of perjury that [check boxes]:

- ❑ I have read and understand this Application, and swear and affirm that the information contained in this Application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I must meet certain eligibility qualifications as described above to receive Lifeline assistance, and I further understand that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law.
- ❑ I meet the income-based eligibility criteria for Lifeline service or am a current recipient of the above designated program(s) and will notify TAG within thirty (30) business days (1) if I am no longer participating in any of the above designated program(s); (2) if my household is receiving more than one Lifeline supported service; or (3) if for any other reason my household no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline support. I have provided documentation of eligibility if required.
- ❑ The residence address provided below is my primary and permanent residence, and not a second home or business. I understand that if I move from the address included on this Application that I am required to notify TAG of my new address within 30 days.
- ❑ If I provided a temporary residential address to TAG, I will verify my temporary residential address every 90 days.
- ❑ I understand the notification requirements described above with respect to both program eligibility and current address information, and I further understand that I or my household may be subject to penalties if these requirements are not followed.
- ❑ I understand that I may be required to re-certify the continued eligibility of my household for participation in the Lifeline program at any time, but will be required to provide such recertification on at least an annual basis. I understand that failure to re-certify as required will result in the termination of Lifeline benefits. I further understand that I may be subject to the same penalties for providing false or fraudulent information at the time of recertification as are applicable to the initial application.
- ❑ I authorize TAG to access any records required to verify my statements on this form and to confirm my eligibility for the TAG Lifeline credit. I give permission to the duly authorized official(s) administering the above programs to provide to TAG my participation status in any of the above program(s). I give this permission on the condition that the information in this Application and any information about my participation in the above programs provided by officials be maintained by TAG as confidential customer account information.

- ❑ I authorize TAG to release any records required for the administration of the TAG Lifeline credit program (including my name, telephone number and address), including to the Universal Service Administrative Company, to be used in a Lifeline database and to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline Program. Failure to consent will result in denial of service.
- ❑ My household will receive only one Lifeline benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, **my household is not currently receiving a Lifeline-supported service from any other provider**.
- ❑ I am entitled to complete this Application, and am not listed as a dependent on another person's tax return (unless over the age of 60).

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____

Residence Address ***(May not be a PO Box)***: _____

- ❑ **The address provided above is a temporary address. I will validate this address with TAG every 90 days until I obtain a permanent address.**
- ❑ **The address provided above is a Multi-Household residence. (Requires completion of the multi-family worksheet.)**

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different than residence address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

If Qualifying for Lifeline by Income, the Number of Individuals in My Household: _____.

I, _____, hereby attest that the Applicant's ID and supporting documentation checked below were presented and verified.
(Agent/Company Representative Name)

Agent/Company Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

In order for your TAG Lifeline account to remain active, we require that you use your TAG Lifeline supported wireless service at least once per month.

You can use the service by completing an outbound call, purchasing minutes from TAG to add to your plan, answering an incoming call from someone other than TAG or responding to a direct contact from TAG confirming that you want to continue receiving the service.

For Agent Use Only (check the appropriate boxes for the proof of eligibility viewed and provide information requested; do not copy or retain documentation):

Documents Acceptable Proof for Income-Eligibility (check 1):

- ☐ The prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return,
- ☐ Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub,
- ☐ A Social Security statement of benefits,
- ☐ A Veterans Administration statement of benefits,
- ☐ A retirement/pension statement of benefits,
- ☐ An Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits,
- ☐ Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance, or
- ☐ A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months time.

Documents Acceptable Proof for Program-Eligibility (choose 1 from each list A and B below):

List A - Choose 1

- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- ☐ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- ☐ State Program 1
- ☐ State Program 2

List B - Choose 1:

- ☐ Program participation card/document
- ☐ Prior year's statement of benefits
- ☐ Notice letter of participation
- ☐ Other official document evidencing participation_____
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Last 4 digits of Document from List B _____

Date of Proof Document: _____/_____/_____

Expiration Date of Proof Document:
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Applicant Account Number	Rep/Agent Signature

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Lifeline benefits are federal benefits and Applicants that make false statements in order to obtain the Lifeline benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment, de-enrollment or can be barred from the program. Only one Lifeline service is available per household. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. A household may not receive multiple Lifeline benefits from multiple providers. A violation of the one-per-household requirement constitutes a violation of the Federal Communication Commission's rules and will result in de-enrollment from the program, and could result in criminal prosecution by the United States government. The Lifeline benefit may be applied to either one landline or one wireless number, but cannot be applied to both. Note that not all Lifeline services are currently marketed under the name Lifeline.

Each household will be required to verify continued eligibility for Lifeline program participation on at least an annual basis.

Please indicate which Lifeline Program for which you qualify:

❑ **Enhanced Lifeline**
I (Applicant) hereby certify that **I am an eligible resident of Tribal Lands**, I participate in at least one of the following programs and am able to verify my identity and participation as required.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- ❑ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ❑ Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- ❑ Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- ❑ Medicaid (not Medicare)
- ❑ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ❑ Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (BIA)
- ❑ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ❑ Tribally Administered TANF (TATANF)
- ❑ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)
- ❑ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program (NSL)
- ❑ Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- ❑ Income at or below 135% of federal poverty level

❑ **Regular Lifeline**
I (Applicant) participate in at least one of the following programs, and am able to verify my identity and participation as required.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- ❑ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ❑ Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- ❑ Medicaid (not Medicare)
- ❑ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ❑ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ❑ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)
- ❑ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program (NSL)
- ❑ Income at or below 135% of federal poverty level

Evidence of program eligibility is required. Where such eligibility cannot be validated through a state and/or federal database or other alternative means, it may be validated in person by a TAG Agent by providing a copy of the Applicant's state issued ID card and a copy of the program identification card or other social service agency documentation showing current participation.

I (Applicant) certify, under penalty of perjury that [check boxes]:

- ❑ I have read and understand this Application, and swear and affirm that the information contained in this Application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I must meet certain eligibility qualifications as described above to receive Lifeline assistance, and I further understand that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law.
- ❑ I meet the income-based eligibility criteria for Lifeline service or am a current recipient of the above designated program(s) and will notify TAG within thirty (30) business days (1) if I am no longer participating in any of the above designated program(s); (2) if my household is receiving more than one Lifeline supported service; or (3) if for any other reason my household no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline support. I have provided documentation of eligibility if required.
- ❑ The residence address provided below is my primary and permanent residence, and not a second home or business. I understand that if I move from the address included on this Application that I am required to notify TAG of my new address within 30 days.
- ❑ If I provided a temporary residential address to TAG, I will verify my temporary residential address every 90 days.

- ❑ I understand the notification requirements described above with respect to both program eligibility and current address information, and I further understand that I or my household may be subject to penalties if these requirements are not followed.
- ❑ I understand that I may be required to re-certify the continued eligibility of my household for participation in the Lifeline program at any time, but will be required to provide such recertification on at least an annual basis. I understand that failure to re-certify as required will result in the termination of Lifeline benefits. I further understand that I may be subject to the same penalties for providing false or fraudulent information at the time of recertification as are applicable to the initial application.
- ❑ I authorize TAG to access any records required to verify my statements on this form and to confirm my eligibility for the TAG Lifeline credit. I give permission to the duly authorized official(s) administering the above programs to provide to TAG my participation status in any of the above program(s). I give this permission on the condition that the information in this Application and any information about my participation in the above programs provided by officials be maintained by TAG as confidential customer account information.
- ❑ I authorize TAG to release any records required for the administration of the TAG Lifeline credit program (including my name, telephone number and address), including to the Universal Service Administrative Company, to be used in a Lifeline database and to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline Program. Failure to consent will result in denial of service.
- ❑ My household will receive only one Lifeline benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, **my household is not currently receiving a Lifeline-supported service from any other provider**.
- ❑ I am entitled to complete this Application, and am not listed as a dependent on another person's tax return (unless over the age of 60).

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____

Residence Address ***(May not be a PO Box)***: _____

- ❑ **The address provided above is a temporary address. I will validate this address with TAG every 90 days until I obtain a permanent address.**
- ❑ **The address provided above is a Multi-Household residence. (Requires completion of the multi-family worksheet.)**

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different than residence address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

If Qualifying for Lifeline by Income, the Number of Individuals in My Household: _____.

I, _____, hereby attest that the Applicant's ID and supporting documentation checked below were presented and verified.

(Agent/Company Representative Name)

Agent/Company Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

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You can use the service by completing an outbound call, purchasing minutes from TAG to add to your plan, answering an incoming call from someone other than TAG or responding to a direct contact from TAG confirming that you want to continue receiving the service.

For Agent Use Only (check the appropriate boxes for the proof of eligibility viewed and provide information requested; do not copy or retain documentation):

Documents Acceptable Proof for Income-Eligibility (check 1):

- ☐ The prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return,
- ☐ Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub,
- ☐ A Social Security statement of benefits,
- ☐ A Veterans Administration statement of benefits,
- ☐ A retirement/pension statement of benefits,
- ☐ An Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits,
- ☐ Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance, or
- ☐ A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months time.

Documents Acceptable Proof for Program-Eligibility (choose 1 from each list A and B below):

List A - Choose 1

- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- ☐ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- ☐ Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- ☐ Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (BIA)
- ☐ Tribally Administered TANF (TATNF)
- ☐ Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- ☐ State Program 1
- ☐ State Program 2

List B - Choose 1:

- ☐ Program participation card/document
- ☐ Prior year's statement of benefits
- ☐ Notice letter of participation
- ☐ Other official document evidencing participation_____
_____

Last 4 digits of Document from List B _____

Date of Proof Document: _____/_____/_____

Expiration Date of Proof Document: _____/_____/_____

Applicant Account Number	Rep/Agent Signature

EXHIBIT C

Lifeline Service Application
Income Eligibility Worksheet

Individuals in all states are able to enroll in the Lifeline program by demonstrating that their household's annual income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This table should be used to determine whether a Lifeline applicant is eligible for Lifeline service based on the number of individuals in the applicant's household and the applicant's household annual income:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME LEVEL
1	$15,080
2	$20,426
3	$25,772
4	$31,118
5	$36,464
6	$41,810
7	$47,156
8	$52,502
For each additional person	Add $5,346

Applicants must list the number of individuals in the applicant's household on the Lifeline application form. Applicants seeking to qualify for Lifeline service based on their household income must present one of the following documents in order to prove eligibility:

- the prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return
- current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- a Social Security statement of benefits
- a Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- a retirement/pension statement of benefits
- an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits
- Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- a divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months time

This is a Lifeline service provided by TAG Mobile, LLC. Lifeline is a government assistance program. Only one Lifeline service is available per household. Households are not permitted to receive multiple Lifeline benefits whether they are from one or multiple companies, wireless or wireline. Proof of eligibility is required for enrollment and only eligible customers may enroll in Lifeline service. Consumers who willingly make false statements to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit. Lifeline customers may not transfer their benefits to any other person.

EXHIBIT D

TAG mobile

If you participate in any one of the following programs, you may qualify for a FREE Cell Phone with FREE minutes every 30-days:

- *Supplimental Security Income (SSI)*
- *Federal Public Housing (Section 8)*
- *Low-Income Home Energy Assitance*
- *Food Stamps*
- *Medicaid*
- *National School Lunch Program*
- *Temporary Assitance to Needy Families (TANF)*

This is a Lifeline supported service limited to one discount per household. Liifeline is a government supported assistance program and is non-transferrable. Proof of eligibility, such as an eligible program card or statement of benefits, is required at time of sign up and only eligible consumers may enroll. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

TAG Mobile Lifeline supported service includes:

- nationwide coverage via Sprint or Verizon networks
- minutes good for local and domestic long distance calls
- 911 available even when your phone has no minutes left
- text messaging
- voicemail
- free calls to 211

IMPORTANT

You must make at least one phone call from your TAG Mobile phone a month to keep your FREE service from being shut-off.

Low Cost Reload Minute Packages

Price	Minutes Packages
$7.00	100 Minutes / 200 texts
$20.00	500 Minutes / 1000 texts
$30.00	1000 Minutes / 1200 texts
$39.00	Unlimited Talk/Text

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By signing up for TAG Mobile's Lifeline supported service you swear and affirm that the information provided in your application is true and correct, to the best of your knowledge and belief and certify that the statements below are correct. You understand that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law.

1. I meet the income-based eligibility criteria for Lifeline service or am a current recipient of the designated program(s) and will notify TAG within thirty (30) business days (1) if I am no longer participating in any of the designated program(s); (2) if my household is receiving more than one Lifeline supported service; or (3) if for any other reason my household no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline support. I have provided documentation of eligibility if required.

2. The residence address provided below is my primary and permanent residence, and not a second home or business. I understand that if I move from the address included on my Application that I am required to notify TAG of my new address within 30 days.

3. If I provided a temporary residential address to TAG, I will verify my temporary residential address every 90 days.

4. I understand the notification requirements described above with respect to both program eligibility and current address information, and I further understand that I or my household may be subject to penalties if these requirements are not followed.

5. I understand that I may be required to re-certify the continued eligibility of my household for participation in the Lifeline program at any time, but will be required to provide such recertification on at least an annual basis. I understand that failure to re-certify as required will result in the termination of Lifeline benefits. I further understand that I may be subject to the same penalties for providing false or fraudulent information at the time of recertification as are applicable to the initial application.

6. I authorize TAG to access any records required to verify my statements on my application and to confirm my eligibility for the TAG Lifeline credit. I give permission to the duly authorized official(s) administering the designated program(s) to provide to TAG my participation status in such program(s). I give this permission on the condition that the information in this Application and any information about my participation in the designated programs provided by officials be maintained by TAG as confidential customer account information.

7. I authorize TAG to release any records required for the administration of the TAG Lifeline credit program (including my name, telephone number and address), including to the Universal Service Administrative Company, to be used in a Lifeline database and to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline Program. Failure to consent will result in denial of service.

8. My household will receive only one Lifeline benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not currently receiving a Lifeline-supported service from any other provider.

9. I am entitled to complete the Application, and am not listed as a dependent on another person's tax return (unless over the age of 60)

Terms and Conditions:
Provision of a free phone and a preset amount of free monthly minutes of use are provided by TAG as part of the Universal Service Low Income support mechanism commonly referred to as the Lifeline program. Lifeline benefits are limited to a single line of service per household. You may not receive multiple Lifeline discounts. You may apply your Lifeline discount to either one landline or one wireless number, but you cannot have the discount on both. Note that not all Lifeline services are currently marketed under the name Lifeline. If you do not qualify for Lifeline supported services, you may opt to purchase a phone and pay a one-time $60 activation fee plus the cost of the selected pre-paid package. In most cases, TAG service will only work on cellular handsets provided by/purchased from TAG. Text messaging on Lifeline accounts is decremented for mobile originating and mobile terminating messages at the rate of 3 texts, either send or received, to 1 of your free monthly minutes. It does not cost you minutes to check your voicemail from any other phone. Unused minutes expire at midnight EST on the 30th day of the billing cycle associated with your account, which is determined by your service initiation date. By activating and using this service you agree to indemnify and hold harmless TAG Mobile, LLC and its affiliates for any damages that arise from the use of the service. The wireless service described herein is provided on either the Sprint or Verizon Wireless Networks and is resold under the TAG Mobile brand. TAG Mobile is a registered trademark. For complete terms and conditions visit our website: **www.tagmobile.com.**

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