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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: APRIL 7, 2016

**RE: NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S APPLICATION TO RELINQUISH
ITS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION;
CASE NO. NCI-T-11-01.**

On March 23, 2016, Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus" or "Company") filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation. The Commission granted ETC status to Nexus on April, 2, 2013. *See* Order No. 32775.

Nexus is a commercial mobile radio service carrier currently providing prepaid wireless service plans to Lifeline subscribers in Idaho. *See* ETC Application at 6. Nexus states that it relinquishes the ETC designation in conjunction with the cessation of service in Idaho. Nexus reveals that changes in the industry and proposed modifications to the Lifeline program as the reason for this action. Concurrent with the Notice to the Commission, the Company announces that it is providing notice to the handful of Nexus wireless subscribers in Idaho. Service will cease on May 6, 2016, and consistent with IDAPA 31.41.01 Rule 212, the customer notice lists of two wireless service providers that are offering Lifeline benefits. *See* Sample Customer Notice.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the Company meets the statutory requirements for relinquishment of the ETC designation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a). Staff also believes that the Company's Lifeline subscribers have competitively-priced alternatives with other wireline and wireless ETC providers in its service area. Thus, Staff recommends Commission approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission approve Nexus Communications, Inc.'s Application to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho?



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