

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) **CASE NO. CRI-T-11-01**
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
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) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
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) **ORDER NO. 32464**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 7, 2011, Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket" or "Company") filed an Application, pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the State of Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket is seeking ETC status for the purpose of receiving only low-income Lifeline support from the Universal Service Fund ("USF"). Cricket will not seek access to funds from the USF for the purpose of providing service to high-cost areas, nor does Cricket seek Link-Up support in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket is a Delaware corporation. Cricket attached a copy of its Certificate of Authority to do business in Idaho to its Application. Cricket is a digital wireless service provider to approximately 5.8 million customers in 34 states, and the District of Columbia. Cricket is authorized to deliver commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") throughout the requested ETC designation area pursuant to license(s) granted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket proposes as its Idaho service territory all rural and non-rural ILEC service areas listed in Exhibit A of its Application, excluding any portions of said service areas on tribal lands. Exhibit B of its Application includes three maps depicting its proposed designated service areas in Idaho, and additionally indicating Cricket's coverage within that proposed service area. Cricket's proposed service area in Idaho includes wire centers currently being served by Frontier Communications Northwest near Coeur d'Alene, several CenturyLink wire centers near the Boise metropolitan area, Citizens Telecom's Parma non-rural Parma service area, and Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company's rural Nu Acres

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service area. Cricket is currently designated as an ETC in the following states: California, Oregon, Illinois, Missouri, Maryland, Colorado, and South Carolina.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket's Application contains information related to the Company's voice grade access service, local usage plan, functionally equivalent dual tone multi-frequency signaling, single party service, access to emergency services, access to operator services, access to interexchange (long-distance) services, directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket has committed to complying with the additional criteria mandated by the Idaho ETC Requirements Order No. 29841. Cricket will provide its services through the utilization of "primarily its own facilities" and network infrastructure. The Company pledges to advertise the availability of its services throughout its ETC service area using general media sources and direct outreach to government health, welfare and employment offices and to community groups.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket does not seek ETC designation, nor does it intend to offer its Lifeline service on federal tribal lands. The Company asserts that adequate backup battery power and the ability to re-route traffic around damaged facilities will allow the Company to remain functional during emergencies. Cricket is seeking Lifeline support only and will not seek high-cost support.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket believes that designating the Company as an ETC would serve the public interest and that it will comply with the annual certification requirements adopted by the Commission in Order No. 29841.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within

twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Boise, ID 83720-0074

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on the "File Room" and then the "Telephone Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 62 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* § 62-610D. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 62.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

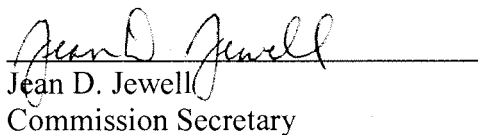
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17th day of February 2012.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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