

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) CASE NO. CRI-T-11-01
TO AMEND ITS DESIGNATION AS AN)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CARRIER IN IDAHO)
) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 32656

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 19, 2012, Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket" or "Company") filed an Application, pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, to amend its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in the State of Idaho. Cricket was previously granted ETC designation on March 27, 2012.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket's Application states that it is a facilities-based carrier that provides digital wireless services on a common carrier basis, primarily using its own state-of-the-art facilities. Cricket and its affiliates serve approximately 6.2 million customers in 34 states and the District of Columbia. Cricket states that it offers customers the benefits of unlimited calling at flat rates, without requiring fixed-term contracts or credit checks. Cricket attached Exhibit A to its Application identifying the areas in Idaho wherein the Company is already designated an ETC.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Exhibit B of Cricket's Application displays the proposed additions to its designated Idaho ETC area and Cricket's corresponding coverage.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket's Application to amend its designation as an ETC requests Commission approval to expand its ETC designation area to allow Cricket to offer its telecommunications services to low-income Idaho customers outside the current designation area, utilizing support from the federal Lifeline program of the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF").

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket believes that the expansion of its Idaho service territory would serve the public interest because it would allow the Company to

make its telecommunications services available to additional low-income residents of Idaho, thereby advancing the goals of universal service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket notes that in February 2012, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) granted Cricket forbearance from the service area conformance requirement of Section 214(e)(6) of the Act and Section 54.207(b) of the FCC rules. The FCC’s approval of Cricket’s ETC application and compliance plan has allowed Cricket to become eligible for Lifeline-only ETC designation in service areas that do not conform to that of an underlying rural telephone company study area.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket reiterated its previous claims that the Company meets all of the state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements for ETC designation in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Cricket states that it will continue to comply with the applicable annual certification requirements adopted in the Commission’s ETC Requirements Order, Order No. 29841, including the collection and remittance of applicable Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) and Idaho Emergency Communications Act (E-911) fees.

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
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

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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 addresses 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 Website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on "File Room" and "Telecommunications Cases" and then scroll to the case number.


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.

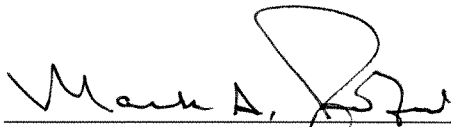
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application will 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.

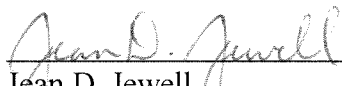
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 3rd day of October 2012.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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