

## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	CASE NO. CRI-T-11-01
TO RELINQUISH ITS DESIGNATION AS	)	
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
CARRIER IN IDAHO	)	ORDER NO. 33266
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The Commission granted federal Lifeline-only ETC status to Cricket on March 27, 2012. *See* Order No. 32501. Cricket is currently licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider in Idaho. On March 13, 2014, Cricket became a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of AT&T.

On March 6, 2015, Cricket Communications, Inc. (“Cricket” or the “Company”) filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.204 and *Idaho Code* § 62-610D(4). Cricket wishes to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho, effective April 30, 2015. The Company states that it has fewer than 700 Lifeline customers within its ETC designated area in Idaho. These customers will receive notification, no later than April 6, 2015, of Cricket’s plan to withdraw from the federal Lifeline program, effective April 30, 2015. Thereafter, Cricket claims that its customers have the option to select an alternative calling plan from the Company or continue to obtain the Lifeline benefit by selecting another ETC provider. If a customer decides to obtain service from another provider, Cricket will not impose an early termination fee.

### STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff 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 Cricket’s Lifeline subscribers have competitively-priced alternatives with the Company as well as with other ETC providers in Idaho. Thus, Staff recommended Commission approval.

### COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission reviewed the Company’s Application and Staff’s recommendation. The Commission approves Cricket’s request to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho, previously authorized by the Commission on March 27, 2012. *See* Order No. 32501. The


Commission finds that Cricket's decision to relinquish its ETC designation will not adversely affect telecommunications consumers in Cricket's ETC designated area. The Commission is satisfied that Cricket's customers will be able to obtain wireless service by either selecting an alternative calling plan from Cricket or subscribing to an alternate ETC provider operating in the service area. Therefore, the Commission approves Cricket's Application to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Cricket Communications, Inc. to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status in Idaho is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in the Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code § 61-626.*

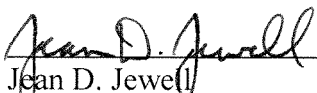
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2015.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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