

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO)	CASE NO. NCI-T-11-01
RELINQUISH ITS DESIGNATION AS AN)	
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	ORDER NO. 33508
CARRIER IN IDAHO)	

On March 23, 2016, Nexus Communications, Inc. (“Nexus” or “Company”) filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Idaho. Nexus is a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) carrier providing prepaid wireless service plans to Lifeline subscribers in Idaho. *See* ETC Application at 6. Nexus stated that it relinquishes its ETC designation in conjunction with the Company’s discontinuation of service in Idaho. Nexus cited changes in the industry and proposed modifications to the Lifeline program as chief reasons for this action.

The Company also remarked that it is providing notice to the handful of Nexus wireless subscribers in Idaho, pursuant to Telephone Customer Relations Rule 312. *See* IDAPA 31.41.01.312.02. The Company advised that it will discontinue telecommunications services in the State of Idaho on May 6, 2016. The Company included a sample customer notice listing two alternate wireless service providers offering Lifeline service in its former ETC area.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed Nexus’ Application and states that the Company has satisfied all of the statutory requirements for relinquishment of its ETC designation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a). Staff believes that the Company’s former Lifeline subscribers will have competitively-priced alternatives with other wireline and wireless ETC providers in its service area. Thus, Staff recommended Commission approval of Nexus’ request to relinquish its ETC designation.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission reviewed Nexus’ Application and Staff’s recommendation. The Commission approves the Company’s request to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho. The Commission approved the Company’ initial Application for ETC designation in Idaho on April 2, 2013. *See* Order No. 32775. The Commission finds that Nexus’ decision to relinquish its ETC designation will not adversely affect telecommunications customers in the Company’s ETC

designated area. Additionally, the Commission finds that Nexus' former customers will continue to have access to wireless service through subscription with an alternate ETC provider in the Company's former service area. Therefore, the Commission approves Nexus' Application to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Nexus Communications, Inc. to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier 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 22nd day of April 2016.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER


ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary