## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRST	)
AMENDED APPLICATION OF TRACFONE	) CASE NO. TFW-T-09-01
WIRELESS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS	)
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	) NOTICE OF
CARRIER	) AMENDED APPLICATION
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	) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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	) ORDER NO. 31028
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## NOTICE OF AMENDED APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 1, 2010, TracFone Wireless, Inc. ("TracFone" or "Company") filed an Amended Application, pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"). TracFone is seeking ETC designation solely for the purpose of providing Lifeline service under its trade name SafeLink Wireless and will not seek funds from the federal Universal Service Fund.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone is a reseller of commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) throughout the United States, including the state of Idaho. TracFone has obtained a Certificate of Authority and Certificate of Good Standing from the Idaho Secretary of State.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company provides service through a virtual network consisting of services obtained from numerous licensed operators of wireless networks and has provided CMRS service throughout the state of Idaho for the past ten years. In Idaho, TracFone obtains service from several underlying carriers, including AT&T Mobility, T-Mobile, and Verizon Wireless which enables the Company to offer services wherever these providers offer service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone intends to offer its Lifeline service in all areas of Idaho currently being served by AT&T Mobility and T-Mobile and expand its service to areas being served by Verizon Wireless in the second quarter of 2010.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone states that it will provide Lifeline service to qualifying customers requesting these services.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone states that its Lifeline program can be differentiated from other Lifeline programs offered by ETCs in the following ways: (1) TracFone will offer low-income consumers the convenience and portability of wireless services; (2) many of its Lifeline-eligible consumers will be able to obtain subsidized wireless service; and (3) TracFone will not charge consumers for certain quantities of its Lifeline service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone will provide a free wireless handset to its Lifeline customers. These customers will not incur any activation or usage charges. TracFone service is available at nationally uniform rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that on April 9, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted all of TracFone's pending petitions for designation as an ETC, subject to certain conditions. The FCC's decision enabled the Commission to consider TracFone's Application seeking ETC designation in Idaho under Section 214(e)(2) of the federal Communications Act.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone has been granted ETC designation in the following states: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone states that it is seeking ETC designation solely to obtain USF funding to provide Lifeline service to qualified low-income consumers and will not seek or accept high-cost support. TracFone noted that there is only one other wireless ETC, Syringa Wireless, providing Lifeline service in Idaho to approximately 1,600 Lifeline customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that TracFone believes that granting ETC status will benefit low-income consumers, low-volume users, transient users and other types of consumers in Idaho who either choose not to enter into long-term service commitments or are unable to meet the credit requirements necessary to obtain service from other wireline or wireless carriers.

## 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 Amended Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within sixty (60) 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 Amended Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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.

NOTICE OF AMENDED APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 31028 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 Amended Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Amended Application is also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on the "File Room" and then "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 Amended 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 60 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $18^{+4}$  day of March 2010.

JIM.D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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