

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC. FOR) CASE NO. TFW-T-09-01
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER) NOTICE OF SCHEDULE
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) NOTICE OF
) TECHNICAL HEARING
)
) ORDER NO. 32179**

On October 29, 2009, TracFone Wireless, Inc. (“TracFone” or “Company”) filed an Application, pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho. *Application* at 1. On February 5, 2010, the Commission issued an Order denying TracFone’s Application. *See* Order No. 30996.

On March 1, 2010, TracFone filed a Petition for Reconsideration and an Amended Application for ETC designation. On March 8, 2010, Commission Staff filed an Answer to TracFone’s Petition. Subsequently, TracFone submitted a letter withdrawing its Petition for Reconsideration and expressing its support for a process that would facilitate a Staff review and recommendation regarding its Amended Application within 60 days.

On May 14, 2010, CTC Telecom, Inc. dba Snake River PCS (“CTC”) and Idaho Telecom Alliance (“ITA”), pursuant to Commission Rule of Procedure 71, IDAPA 31.01.01.071, each filed a Motion to Intervene Out of Time and Petition to Intervene. On May 19, 2010, TracFone filed, pursuant to Commission Rule of Procedure 75, IDAPA 31.01.01.075, a Motion in Opposition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. to Petitions to Intervene of CTC Telecom, Inc. dba Snake River PCS and Idaho Telecom Alliance. On May 24, 2010, CTC and ITA each filed Replies to TracFone’s Motion in Opposition.

On May 28, 2010, the Commission issued an Order granting CTC and ITA’s Petitions to Intervene. *See* Order No. 31096. The Commission also mandated that the parties hold a scheduling conference “in order to develop an appropriate schedule going forward in this case, including a hearing if needed.” *Id.* at 3.

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On November 15, 2010, representatives for TracFone, ITA, CTC and Commission Staff convened a scheduling conference at the Commission's Offices.

On November 24, 2010, the Commission ordered the parties to submit a prehearing brief outlining the legal and factual issues pertaining to this case no later than December 17, 2010. *See* Order No. 32127. Each of the parties submitted a prehearing issues statement to the Commission.

On January 24, 2011, the Commission held its weekly decision meeting wherein it issued a unanimous ruling that a full technical hearing would be necessary in this case.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has adopted the following schedule regarding the filing of written testimony in this case:

Date:	Event:
No later than February 25, 2011	TracFone deadline to file direct testimony
No later than March 18, 2011	Staff/Intervenors deadline to file direct testimony
No later than March 23, 2011	TracFone deadline to file rebuttal testimony

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in Case No. TFW-T-09-01 commencing on **THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011, at 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.*

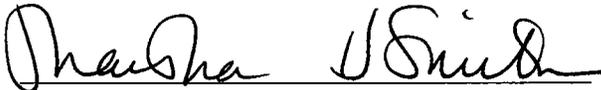
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall submit prefiled written testimony to the Commission in accordance with the schedule outlined above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a technical hearing in this matter will take place on March 31, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17th
day of February 2011.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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