

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE**

**FROM: GRACE SEAMAN**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2014**

**RE: T-MOBILE WEST LLC'S APPLICATION TO RELINQUISH ITS  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER DESIGNATION; CASE  
NO. TMW-T-10-01.**

On November 5, 2014, T-Mobile West LLC ("T-Mobile" or the "Company") filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designation in Idaho pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4). The Commission granted ETC status to T-Mobile on August 9, 2011. *See* Order No. 32319.

As an ETC eligible to receive both federal high cost and low income (or "Lifeline") universal service support in Idaho, T-Mobile states it has used the high cost universal service support to improve its network and make Lifeline discounted services available to qualified consumers. T-Mobile now wishes to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho effective December 31, 2014. T-Mobile will continue to provide wireless service in Idaho as a non-ETC. Application at 2.

The Company has approximately 70 Lifeline customers in Idaho. These customers will receive notification that T-Mobile plans to withdraw from the federal Lifeline program and participants will receive courtesy Lifeline credit for 45 days. Thereafter, customers may select an alternative calling plan from the Company or they may continue to obtain the Lifeline benefit by selecting another ETC provider. If a customer decides to obtain service from another provider, T-Mobile will not impose an early termination fee. *Id.* at 4-5.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the filing and believes the Company meets the statutory requirements for relinquishment of the ETC designation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a). Thus, Staff recommends Commission approval.

## COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission approve T-Mobile's Application to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho?

  
Grace Seaman

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