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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Application of Allied Wireless of the Palmetto State, LLC d/b/a U-Lifeline Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households
Docket No. 2012-133-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing is a Notice of Relinquishment of the ETC Designation of Allied Wireless of the Palmetto State, LLC d/b/a U-Lifeline Wireless ("ULW"). This Notice is being filed by AT&T Mobility which, as a result of an FCC-approved transaction involving wireless carriers, acquired the wireless assets of ULW.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this pleading as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Parties of Record
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:

Application of Allied Wireless of the Palmetto State, LLC d/b/a U-Lifeline Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households	)	Docket No. 2012-133-C

NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF ETC DESIGNATION

In its July 25, 2012 Order in Docket No. 2012-133-C, the Commission designated Allied Wireless of the Palmetto State, LLC d/b/a U-Lifeline Wireless ("ULW") as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline service to qualifying households over its own facilities. On September 20, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") approved AT&T Inc.'s acquisition of the wireless assets of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc., including its affiliate ULW,[1] and on September 23, 2013, ULW merged with and into New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility"). Neither of these transactions involving wireless carriers required review or approval by this Commission. *See* S.C. Code Ann. §58-11-100(B).

In light of these developments, and as the AT&T entity holding the assets of the former ULW, AT&T Mobility hereby notifies the Commission of the relinquishment of ULW's ETC Designation effective September 23, 2013.[2]

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[1] *See* Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Applications of AT&T Inc. and Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of and Assign Licenses and Authorizations*, WT Docket No. 13-54, DA 13-1940 (rel. Sept. 20, 2013) ("FCC's Approval Order").

[2] Neither AT&T Inc. nor any of its wireless affiliates, including without limitation AT&T Mobility, have been designated an ETC by this Commission.

As noted in the FCC's Approval Order, AT&T Mobility is taking steps to ensure that the transition from ULW to AT&T Mobility is a smooth one for Lifeline customers.[3] Initially, ULW's Lifeline customers will continue to use their CDMA phones as they did before the transaction.[4] They will be transitioned to a comparable CDMA post-paid plan with a price substantially similar to their prepaid CDMA ULW Lifeline plan. After AT&T Mobility completes the upgrades of ULW's network assets from CDMA to GSM technology, these customers will be transitioned to a comparable post-paid AT&T Mobility 3G plan, with a price substantially similar to the customer's original Lifeline plan and with a comparable device pre-selected by AT&T and provided to the customer at no charge. Prior to this transition, ULW's Lifeline customers can terminate service at any time with no early termination fee so they can consider alternative Lifeline service providers.

Respectfully submitted this 12 th day of December, 2013.

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3 *See* FCC Approval Order, ¶79.

4 In the transaction the FCC approved, AT&T Mobility acquired, among other things, network assets that ULW operated using CDMA technology. AT&T Mobility's network uses a different technology, GSM. Accordingly, AT&T Mobility will upgrade and incorporate ULW's CDMA network assets into its GSM network over time.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for AT&T South Carolina and that she has caused a Notice of Relinquishment of ETC Designation to be served in Docket No. 2012-133-C by the method indicated below upon the following this December 12, 2013:

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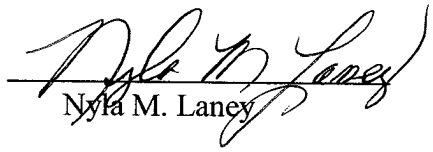

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