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Re: 2023 Annual Lifeline Data Request (i-wireless, LLC)
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

To Whom It May Concern:

i-wireless, LLC ("i-wireless") hereby files an original and two (2) redacted copies of its responses to the 2023 Annual Lifeline Data Request.

i-wireless hereby requests confidential treatment of certain information identified in Exhibits A and B pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. **A confidential copy of the responses is attached hereto in a separate, sealed envelope.**

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 770-232-9200 or etc@telecomcounsel.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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2023 LIFELINE DATA REQUEST

To assist the Florida Public Service Commission in the development of our Annual Report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the Lifeline program as required by Chapter 364.10, Florida Statutes, **please provide responses to the following questions by August 16, 2023. Your responses should include your company name, contact person, and email address.**

Please answer the following questions as they relate to your company's Florida Lifeline customers, providing data for fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

For those items requesting the data be reported monthly, provide the appropriate number as of the last day of each month during the review period.

1. Provide the number of residential access lines in service each month.

Response: See Confidential Exhibit A.

2. In accordance with Section 364.105, Florida Statutes, are you offering Transitional Lifeline service? If yes, what is the number of customers participating per month and what are your advertising efforts for Transitional Lifeline service?

Response: i-wireless offers Transitional Lifeline service to former Lifeline customers upon their request, with 0 customers participating. i-wireless does not have advertising efforts specific to Transitional Lifeline service.

3. Provide the number of customers participating in Lifeline each month by service type (voice, broadband or bundled). Note: Do not include customers receiving Lifeline through the Transitional Lifeline provision.

Response: See Confidential Exhibit A.

4. Are you meeting the FCC's minimum service standards for both voice and broadband? If no, which service type meets the requirement?

Response: Yes, i-wireless meets the FCC's minimum service standards.

5. Provide description of your company's procedures for Lifeline. Include the following in your response:

- a. Internal procedures for promoting Lifeline.
- b. Outreach and educational efforts involving participation in community events.
- c. Outreach and educational efforts involving mass media (newspaper, radio, television).
- d. Copies of Lifeline outreach materials of your company.
- e. Any links on your company Web site that provides Lifeline information.
- f. Organizations you are currently partnering with, have partnered with, and organizations you plan to partner with to educate and inform customers about Lifeline.

Response: See Confidential Exhibit B.

6. To the extent you have experienced an increase or decrease in Lifeline customers since last year, please describe what may have contributed to the change. Any additional general comments or information you believe will assist staff in evaluating and reporting Lifeline participation in Florida are welcome.

Response: i-wireless has seen a continued decline in Florida subscribers since December of 2016 – primarily due to an intentional slowdown in acquisition of new customers and the pending issue with the FCC on the AT&T service area. With the

implementation of the FCC's 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order (FCC 16-38), it is becoming increasingly difficult to profitably acquire Lifeline subscribers in a \$9.25 (subsidy) state.

7. Are you assisting customers with their Lifeline program applications through the National Verifier portal? If yes, please describe any issues you have experienced. If no, please describe your process for directing customers to apply with the National Verifier.

Response: No, i-wireless is not currently assisting customers with their Lifeline program applications through the National Verifier. If a customer contacts our customer care department or visits our website, they are advised and routed to the National Verifier website to complete their qualification prior to enrolling with Access Wireless.

8. In accordance with Florida administrative code 25-4.0665 (3), are you participating in the Lifeline Promotion Process (i.e. downloading qualified customer contact information from the FPSC) formerly known as "Coordinated Enrollment Process"? If not, please explain.

Response: i-wireless is not actively participating in the Lifeline Promotion Process. The Company has been intentionally slowing the acquisition of new Lifeline customers in the state and has limited their outreach and advertising efforts due to the pending issue with the FCC on the AT&T service area. Since the program's implementation earlier this year, a strong majority of the Company's customers in the state are participating in the Lifeline program already.

9. In the last year, has your company filed for any form of bankruptcy? If yes, please identify the chapter and the date filed.

Response: i-wireless has not filed for any form of bankruptcy.

10. In the last year, has your company been involved in any FCC enforcement actions relating to Florida Lifeline customers? If yes, please provide the date and FCC docket number.

Response: i-wireless has not been involved in any FCC enforcement actions.

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EXHIBIT A
PUBLIC VERSION

| | Total residential access lines in service | Total End of Period Lifeline customers | Voice Lifeline Customers | Broadband Lifeline Customers | Bundled Lifeline Customers |
|----|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7 | 2022 | | | | |
| 8 | 2022 | | | | |
| 9 | 2022 | | | | |
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EXHIBIT B
PUBLIC VERSION

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