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DATE: November 9, 2021

TO: Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM: Margarita Yglesias de Ayala, Public Utility Analyst II, Office of Industry Development and Market Analysis *MYA*

RE: Docket No. 20210163-TP - Request for relinquishment of eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation in Florida, by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida.

Please place the attached data request response from Assurance wireless in the document section of the above referenced docket file.

Thank you.

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1. Please verify that your company is a designated ETC in the service areas that AT&T Florida has identified in Exhibit A.

Response #1: Assurance Wireless is a designated ETC in nearly all of the exchanges listed in Exhibit A provided by AT&T Florida. Assurance Wireless is not designated in the following exchanges that were included in Exhibit A:

JAYFLMA
MIAMFIAP
MJAMFLOL
MNSNFLMA
SGKVFLMA
SYHSFLCC
VERNFLMA
YNIWFLMA
VULEFLMA

2. Are you currently providing service to customers in all of the identified areas? If no:
 - a. Please identify any wire centers where your company is not currently serving customers.
 - b. Are you capable of providing service in the designated areas where you are not currently providing service? If not how long would it take for you to prepare to provide service in those areas?

Response(s) #2:

- a. Assurance Wireless, now owned by T-Mobile is a facilities-based provider of commercial mobile radio service, and serves customers throughout its ETC designated service area.
 - b. See Response to 2(a).
3. Using the list in Exhibit A, please identify the wire centers where your company currently advertises Lifeline service. Please list the various forms and frequency of the advertisement being used.

Response #3: Assurance Wireless advertises the availability of its Lifeline service offerings using media of general distribution and other means as appropriate throughout its ETC designated service area in Florida consistent with applicable federal requirements.

4. Please describe the method(s) by which you serve Lifeline customers in AT&T Florida's service area:
- a. Do you use Unbundled Network Elements purchased from AT&T Florida?
 - b. Do you use resale purchased from AT&T Florida?
 - c. Do you use your own facilities?
 - d. Do you use a combination of your facilities and AT&T Florida's?
 - e. Do you use other arrangements (please explain)?

Response #4:

- a. No, Assurance Wireless does not use UNEs purchased from AT&T Florida to serve its Lifeline customers in its designated service area in Florida.
 - b. Assurance Wireless is not clear how AT&T Florida is defining "resale" in order to completely respond to this question. Notwithstanding, Assurance Wireless does not purchase any retail services from AT&T Florida to serve its Lifeline customers in its designated services in Florida.
 - c. Assurance Wireless is not clear how AT&T Florida is defining "own facilities" in order to completely respond to this question in the context of Lifeline customers and this matter. Notwithstanding, Assurance Wireless, now owned by T-Mobile, is a facilities-based provider in Florida and uses such facilities to service its Lifeline customers in its designated service area in the State.
 - d. See response to 4c.
 - e. Assurance Wireless is not clear how AT&T Florida is defining "other arrangements" and is therefore unable to respond to this question.
5. Section 47 CFR 54.403(a)(2)(iv) states that voice-only services will no longer be eligible for Lifeline support as of December 1, 2021. If your company only provides voice service, are you planning to discontinue Lifeline service and relinquish your ETC designation by December 1, 2021?

Response #5:

- a. Question #5 does not apply to Assurance Wireless.