

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF SAGE TELECOM)	
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR DESIGNATION)	
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	CASE NO.
CARRIER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF)	2013-00482
KENTUCKY FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF)	
OFFERING WIRELESS LIFELINE SERVICE)	

ORDER

On December 26, 2013, Sage Telecom Communications, LLC (“Sage”), a reseller of Commercial Mobile Radio Service, also known as a Mobile Virtual Network Operator, filed an application under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) and sought designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”). Sage sought to receive both federal low-income and state Universal Service Fund (“USF”) support for wireless services.¹ Sage requested ETC designation only for the purpose of participation in the Lifeline program and did not seek high-cost support.

The Commission found in its July 3, 2014 Order that Sage should be designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal Lifeline support and conditionally found that Sage should be eligible to receive state support contingent upon filing and receiving approval of a state-specific Lifeline plan for Kentucky.² On July 22, 2014, Counsel for Sage submitted revised specific Lifeline plans for Kentucky consumers. Sage had indicated in its application that it would offer five pre-paid plans and three post-paid

¹ Sage requests ETC designation in the service area of its underlying carriers, Sprint and Verizon Wireless, including both rural and non-rural exchanges of the incumbent carriers. App. at p. 6.

² Case No. 2013-00482, Application of Sage Telecom Communications, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Limited Purpose of Offering Wireless Lifeline Service (Ky. PSC July 3, 2014), at Ordering paragraph 3.

plans, with a \$30 activation fee on post-paid plans only. Sage subsequently decided to offer only three prepaid plans and not to charge an activation fee, and reflected those changes in its amended Lifeline plans.³ The first plan, MobileFlex Essentials, will provide a total of 300 minutes per month and 200 text messages per month at no cost to eligible Lifeline subscribers. The second plan, MobileFlex Plus, will provide a total of 650 minutes per month and 650 text messages per month at a cost of \$12.75 per month, after applying the federal and state Lifeline discounts to eligible Lifeline subscribers. The third plan, MobileFlex Value, will provide unlimited minutes and text messages each month at a cost of \$27.25 per month, after applying the federal and state Lifeline discounts to eligible Lifeline subscribers. In plans with limited minutes, all minutes expire at the end of each month. Minutes may be used for local or long-distance calling. Calls to 911 emergency services and to Sage customer service are free. Lifeline customers will also have free access to voicemail, caller ID, call waiting, call forwarding, and 3-way calling. Directory assistance is available at the rate of \$1.50 per call. All plans include a free handset.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Sage is designated as an ETC for the purpose of offering Lifeline service in Kentucky, and its proposed three Kentucky-specific Lifeline service plans as amended are approved.
2. During the current certification period, Sage shall be eligible to receive federal and Kentucky USF support for Lifeline.
3. A copy of this Order shall be served upon the FCC and the USAC.

³ Sage Telecom Communications, LLC Amendment to Lifeline Plans, filed July 22, 2014, p. 1.

4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



Executive Director

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