

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC ("AT&T)	
MOBILITY") NOTICE OF ACQUISITION AND)	CASE NO.
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF ELIGIBLE)	2008-00077
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	
DESIGNATION)	

O R D E R

On April 7, 2009, by Order, the Commission issued data requests to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility"). AT&T Mobility submitted its responses on April 17, 2009. The nature of the Commission's questions concerned, primarily, customers within market areas Kentucky RSAs 6 and 8 who were continuing to receive Lifeline and Link-up services in light of the fact that Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and its subsidiaries ("Verizon Wireless") had acquired those particular markets from AT&T Mobility and its subsidiary, American Cellular Corporation ("ACC"), in 2008. In its petition filed on March 27, 2009, AT&T Mobility requested Commission approval to relinquish ACC's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designations for market areas Kentucky RSA 6 and 8, effective December 22, 2008, the date upon which Verizon Wireless acquired those markets.

Having reviewed AT&T Mobility's responses to the data requests, the Commission finds that questions remain regarding the provision of Lifeline and Link-Up

services for certain customers in market areas Kentucky RSAs 6 and 8. As evidenced by AT&T Mobility's responses to the Commission's data requests, Verizon Wireless will need to participate in this proceeding to provide substantive responses regarding the fulfillment of ETC obligations in its newly acquired market areas. Upon its own motion, the Commission finds that Verizon Wireless shall be made a party to these proceedings. The Commission finds that the pleadings and responses submitted by Verizon Wireless as a party will allow for the development of facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

In furtherance of the Commission's need to have certain information critical and necessary to the issue of whether AT&T Mobility's request for relinquishment should be granted, the Commission finds that Verizon Wireless, who currently owns the market areas for which ACC received an ETC designation, should respond to the requests for information included in the Appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") is hereby made a full party to this proceeding. Verizon Wireless shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
2. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order upon Verizon Wireless by certified mail, return receipt requested.
3. Verizon Wireless shall respond to the Commission's data request, as provided in the Appendix to this Order, no later than May 29, 2009.

4. a. Verizon Wireless shall file with the Commission the original and five copies of the information requested herein, with a copy to all parties of record. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

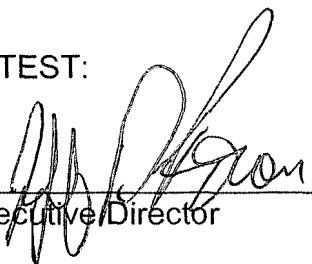
c. Verizon Wireless shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Verizon Wireless fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Verizon Wireless shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

d. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2008-00077 DATED **MAY - 8 2009**

1. Has Verizon Wireless been acting as an ETC since December 22, 2008 for those customers in the market areas for which AT&T Mobility and ACC seek to relinquish the ETC designation?

a. If yes, state how long Verizon Wireless intends to continue serving as an ETC for those areas.

b. If yes, has Verizon Wireless received any high-cost or low-income support from Kentucky or the Federal Universal Service funds for service in those areas since December 22, 2008?

2. According to the Commission's records, Verizon Wireless has not sought to become an ETC for the market areas Kentucky RSAs 6 and 8. Provide a detailed explanation as to why Verizon Wireless does not seek the assumption of ETC responsibilities for those areas.

3. How many Lifeline and Link-Up customers are in market areas Kentucky RSA 6 and 8? Provide the number, by month, from November 2008 through the most recent period.

4. Provide copies of all notices sent to Lifeline customers within market areas Kentucky RSA 6 and 8 stating that *Verizon Wireless is providing Lifeline services in those areas as of December 22, 2008*. If separate notices were issued to Lifeline customers indicating that Verizon Wireless would cease providing Lifeline services after a date certain, provide copies of those notices as well.

5. Verizon Wireless began providing service to customers in market areas Kentucky RSAs 6 and 8 on or about December 22, 2008. Since that time, has Verizon Wireless continued to provide Lifeline service to those customers within those areas who were receiving it from ACC? If so, describe the manner in which it funded the discounts to those Lifeline customers.

6. Describe Verizon Wireless's plan for transitioning Lifeline customers to other plans or carriers.

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