

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SHENANDOAH PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, )  
LLC, SUCCESSOR TO WEST VIRGINIA PCS ) CASE NO.  
ALLIANCE, L.C. NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT ) 2017-00261  
OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
CARRIER DESIGNATION )

ORDER

On October 26, 2006, the Commission granted the request of West Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C. ("NTELOS") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC").<sup>1</sup> NTELOS was authorized to receive federal and state Universal Support, including Lifeline wireless customers. On June 30, 2017, NTELOS petitioned the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) for relinquishment of its ETC status in Kentucky ("Petition").

NTELOS is a facilities-based provider of Commercial Mobile Radio Service and has requested to relinquish its ETC designation and to discontinue providing service in Kentucky due to a merger with Shentel Personal Communications, LLC ("Shentel").<sup>2</sup> NTELOS does not currently serve any Lifeline subscribers in Kentucky.<sup>3</sup>

Under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), a State commission shall permit a carrier to relinquish its ETC designation in any area served by more than one ETC. Following relinquishment

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2006-00312, *Petition of West Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C. DBA NTELOS for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(E) of the Telecommunications Act* (Ky. PSC Oct. 24, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> Petition at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 2.

of NTELOS's ETC designation, there will continue to be several ETCs in the service area that provide Lifeline service.<sup>4</sup> The incumbent Local Exchange carriers are designated as ETCs in the area served by NTELOS, and the Commission is aware that other utilities are designated as ETCs in the area. Because other ETCs currently serve the entire area in which NTELOS is designated as an ETC in Kentucky, notice need not be provided to those carriers to permit them to purchase or construct facilities to ensure that customers will continue to receive service.

47 USC § 214 (e)(4) states in part:

A state commission . . . shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission . . . of such relinquishment. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission . . . shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The State commission . . . shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the State commission approves such relinquishment under this paragraph, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

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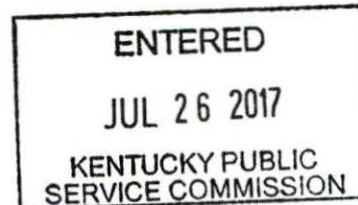
<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

Based on the evidence and having been sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), there is more than one ETC in the area of relinquishment and those carriers have sufficient facilities for the provision of service.

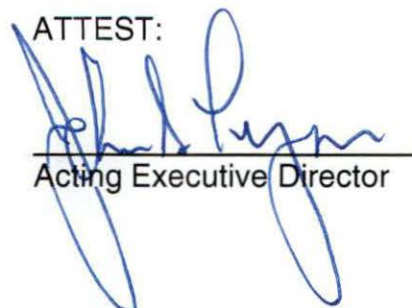
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. NTELOS's request to withdraw as an ETC is granted as of the date of this Order.
2. This case is now closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Acting Executive Director

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