## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| APPLICATION OF EASY TELEPHONE SERVICE | ) |                     |
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| COMPANY D/B/A EASY WIRELESS FOR       | ) |                     |
| DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE            | ) | CASE NO. 2011-00137 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER            | ) |                     |
| ON A WIRELESS BASIS (LOW INCOME ONLY) | ) |                     |

## COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO EASY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY D/B/A EASY WIRELESS

Easy Telephone Service Company d/b/a Easy Wireless ("Easy Wireless"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and five copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before July 29, 2011. 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.

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.

Easy 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 Easy Wireless fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Easy Wireless shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. If 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.

- 1. Kentucky currently requires that all Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") perform an audit of all customers receiving Lifeline benefits. Each customer must provide proof of eligibility. Does Easy Wireless agree to audit all Lifeline customers each year rather than conduct a yearly audit of only a sample of customers?
- 2. Explain the process which Easy Wireless will employ to audit each Lifeline customer on an annual basis.
- 3. Explain the process which Easy Wireless will use to verify the initial eligibility of Lifeline customers. Provide details about how and where Lifeline subscribers will be able to initiate service.
- 4. Does Easy Wireless understand that Kentucky does not allow consumers to qualify for Lifeline under the guidelines?
- 5. The Kentucky Universal Service Fund ("USF") for Lifeline support is maintained by a fee of eight cents per access line per month from every wireline and

wireless subscriber, which is collected by carriers. Does Easy Wireless collect this surcharge from any of its customers?

- 6. The Kentucky Telecommunications Relay Service and the Kentucky Telecommunications Access Program are supported by a surcharge, which is collected by carriers. Each fund is supported by a fee of two cents per access line per month from every wireline and wireless subscriber, which is collected by the carriers. Does Easy Wireless collect this surcharge from any of its customers?
  - 7. Do Easy Wireless' customers pay the statewide wireless 911 fee?
- 8. If Easy Wireless receives ETC designation in Kentucky, approximately how long will it take for Easy Wireless to offer Lifeline service in the area in which it receives the ETC designation? Elaborate on any extenuating or special circumstances.
- 9. Does Easy Wireless understand that there may be an audit by the Commission of the use of Universal Service funds and that the eligible telecommunications service designation may be reviewed annually?
- 10. Has Easy Wireless been audited by other state utility commissions regarding its use of Universal Service funds? If so, list the state and the result of the audit.
- 11. Does Easy Wireless have any outstanding complaints or investigations at any state commissions, the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), or at the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC")? Provide detailed documentation of any complaint or investigation filed with a state commission, USAC, or at the FCC in the past three years.

- 12. Affirm that Easy Wireless will not seek toll limitation service reimbursement from USAC if granted ETC status?
- 13. Affirm that Easy Wireless will seek Link-Up reimbursement from USAC if granted ETC status?
- 14. Easy Wireless will seek Lifeline reimbursement from USAC if granted ETC status. What amount per customer will Easy Wireless seek?
- 15. Will Easy Wireless seek Lifeline reimbursement from the USF if granted ETC status? If so, list the amount per customer Easy Wireless would be claiming.
- 16. Provide the number of requests for service from potential customers in Kentucky that were unfulfilled by Easy Wireless in the previous calendar year.
- 17. Does Easy Wireless use agents or other retailers to market and sell its service? Provide a list.
- 18. Will Easy Wireless be willing to advertise Lifeline and Link-Up availability in languages other than English? If so, name the other languages.
- 19. Affirm that Easy Wireless will not be providing directory assistance through its own facilities but only switching directory assistance traffic.
- 20. Footnote 6 of the petition states that Easy Wireless provides wireline service in South Florida through collocated facilities at AT&T central offices. Is this still true?
- 21. Will Easy Wireless Lifeline customers be able to use minutes to send and receive text messages? If so, what is the corresponding minutes-to-texts conversion?

- 22. Do unused minutes and text messages carry forward from month to month? If not, will Easy Wireless be willing to make that provision available to Kentucky subscribers?
- 23. Does Easy Wireless charge against the customer account for all calls and text messages, both sent and received, including calls to customer service, 911, and company-initiated text messages?
- 24. What is the amount of the customary charge for commencing service for Easy Wireless?
- 25. Does Easy Wireless monitor non-usage? If so, provide details of the plan and its intention to file this plan with the Commission.
- 26. Provide a proposed customer agreement for Lifeline service detailing all service conditions and charges.
- 27. Is Easy Wireless currently providing service to any customers in Kentucky? If so, how many?
  - 28. Provide a list of all states in which Easy Wireless operates.
- 29. Provide the docket numbers of Easy Wireless' petitions for ETC in any other state.
- 30. Has Easy Wireless filed a petition to provide service in any state and subsequently withdrawn the petition or been denied? If so, list the state, docket number, and Easy Wireless' reason for seeking withdrawal of the petition for that state.
- 31. Does Easy Wireless maintain separate books/general ledgers for each state in which it operates? Where are the books/general ledgers for Kentucky

customers maintained? Provide the physical address, office telephone number, and

name and title of employee responsible for maintaining those books/general ledgers.

32. Provide the address (URL) to the Easy Wireless website, if there is one.

Provide the name of the person (with business title) and/or entity that will 33.

be filing the Form 497 with USAC if Easy Wireless obtains ETC status.

34. Provide a description of Easy Wireless' corporate structure, with both

names and titles. Also provide a list of Easy Wireless' owners or corporate officers and

indicate if any are also owners, corporate officers, or employees of any other

telecommunications companies and provide a vitae for each listed.

35. Have any owners, officers, or managers of Easy Wireless been involved in

any bankruptcy proceedings? If so, provide details as to the name of the person, the

date on which the petition was filed, the case number, and the name of the federal court

district where the petition was filed.

Have any owners, officers, or managers of Easy Wireless been charged or 36.

convicted of a felony criminal offense during the last 10 years (either state or federal)?

If so, provide details as to the name of the person, the dates of each charge, the case

number, and the name of the state or federal court district where the charges or

convictions occurred.

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