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Via Overnight Delivery

Honorable Jeff R. Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P.O. Box 615
Frankfurt, KY 40601

**RE: RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
DESIGNATION**

Dear Mr. Derouen,

Enclosed for filing with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission is one (1) original and ten (10) copies of the Notice of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation filed by Shenandoah Personal Communications, LLC, successor to West Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keili Young". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of:)	
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Shenandoah Personal Communications, LLC, Successor to West Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C.)	
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Notice of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation)	Case No. 2017 - <u>00261</u>
)	

**NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
DESIGNATION**

Shenandoah Personal Communications, LLC (“Shentel”), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a)-(b), hereby notifies the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) of the relinquishment of the eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) designation of one of its predecessors-in-interest, West Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C. (hereafter, “NTELOS”) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Study Area Code 269010). In support of its notice of relinquishment, Shentel provides the following information.

On October 24, 2006, the Commission designated NTELOS as an ETC in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in Case No. 2006-00312.¹ Thereafter, NTELOS operated as a facilities-based provider of wireless services and participated in the Commission’s High Cost and Low Income Universal Service programs. As of May 6, 2016, NTELOS and each of its affiliates were acquired by Shenandoah Telecommunications Company in a merger approved by the Federal Communications Commission; notice of the merger was provided to the Commission on May 5, 2016. Since the acquisition, Shentel has provided the same services to customers through its affiliate relationship with Sprint, and former NTELOS customers began migrating to Sprint’s billing platform. Subsequently, as part of a larger legal entity restructuring following the merger, NTELOS was merged into Shentel, such that Shentel remains as the surviving entity. Shentel is not designated as an ETC in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

¹ In the Matter of: Petition of West Virginia PCS Alliance, L.C. DBA NTELOS for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214€ of the Telecommunications Act, Order, KY Pub. Svc. Comm. (2006).

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.205(a), the Commission shall permit an ETC to relinquish its designation in any area served by more than one ETC. Requirements for relinquishment of ETC designation in an area served by at least one other ETC include: i) the ETC must provide advance notice to the relevant public service commission; ii) the subscribers served by the relinquishing ETC must continue to be served; and iii) to the extent necessary, sufficient notice must be provided to ensure the construction or purchase of additional facilities to provide such continuing service. Attachment A includes a list by wire center of ILEC ETCs providing service in NTELOS's former ETC service area. NTELOS's legacy service area is served by numerous other Lifeline providers.² To the best of Shentel's knowledge, no additional facilities will be required to be purchased or constructed.

Shentel will continue to manage NTELOS's wireless network through its affiliate relationship with Sprint; as such, Sprint will continue to provide service through NTELOS's previous ETC service area, but will do so as a non-ETC. Shentel executed a detailed communications plan to inform customers about the migration to Sprint, which included electronic mail, SMS, social media, and mobile applications. NTELOS did not serve any Lifeline customers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as of the completion of the merger. Sprint's Assurance prepaid service offers Lifeline services to low-income consumers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which utilizes the network in the NTELOS ETC service area now operated by Shentel.

For the foregoing reasons, Shentel respectfully requests that the Commission promptly accept the relinquishment of NTELOS's ETC designation (SAC 269010) in Kentucky as soon as practicable.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED June 29, 2017.

Shenandoah Personal Communications, LLC

By: 

Raymond B. Ostroski

Its: Vice President, Legal and General Counsel

² <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/lis/companies/CompanyListing.aspx?state=KY&stateName=Kentucky>

ATTACHMENT A

Locality	CLLI	ILEC
Ashland	ASLDKYXA	Kentucky Alltel- Lexington*
Catlettsburg	CTBGKYXA	Kentucky Alltel- Lexington
Greenup	GNUPKYXA	Kentucky Alltel- Lexington
Grayson	GYSNKYXA	Kentucky Alltel- Lexington
Russell	RSSLKYXB	Kentucky Alltel- Lexington
South Shore	SSHRKYXA	Kentucky Alltel- Lexington

*Windstream Kentucky East f/k/a/ Kentucky Alltel, Inc. - Lexington