

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF Q LINK	)	
WIRELESS, LLC TO EXPAND ITS ELIGIBLE	)	CASE NO.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER	)	2020-00356
SERVICE AREA	)	

ORDER

On October 28, 2020, Q Link Wireless, LLC (Q Link) filed an application seeking to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) service area for the purpose of providing Lifeline. Q Link is a reseller of Commercial Mobile Radio Service, also known as a Mobile Virtual Network Operator. Q Link was granted ETC designation by the Commission in Case No. 2012-00473 for the purpose of receiving both federal and Kentucky Lifeline support.<sup>1</sup> The Commission granted Q Link ETC designation in the service area of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC dba AT&T Kentucky, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company and Windstream Kentucky East, LLC subject to the coverage area of its underlying carrier, Sprint Spectrum L.P.

Q Link is now using T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile)<sup>2</sup> as its underlying carrier and seeks to expand its designated service to statewide subject to the wireless network coverage of its underlying carrier. Q Link attests in its application that it continues to meet all federal requirements for Lifeline ETCs including those that have been promulgated since receiving its ETC designation.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2012-00473, *Application of Q Link Wireless LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Kentucky* (Ky. PSC Mar. 8, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> T-Mobile merged with Sprint Corporation and T-Mobile is the surviving entity.

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

1. Q Link's designation as a Lifeline ETC is amended to permit Q Link to offer Lifeline service statewide, subject to its underlying wireless carrier's coverage.
2. The case is now closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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By the Commission

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