

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION OF TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC.	:	
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE	:	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE	:	DOCKET NO. 4153
OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE	:	
OF OFFERING LIFELINE SERVICE TO QUALIFIED	:	
HOUSEHOLDS	:	

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws 39-1-1 et seq, as amended, and 47 U.S.C. §§151–760, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will accept written public comments regarding the March 8, 2010 Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in the State of Rhode Island for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline Service to qualified households. TracFone seeks ETC designation in order receive funding from the federal Universal Service Fund to offer subsidized wireless service to eligible low-income consumers.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of TracFone’s petition to make a determination that TracFone has met the statutory and regulatory requirements to be designated as an ETC to receive funding from the available federal universal support mechanism and has complied with the Commission’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund and Certification and Verification Processes for Compliance With Providing Lifeline and Linkup Service.

Interested parties and members of the public wishing to offer comments regarding TracFone’s Petition may do so in writing to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 until 4:00 P.M. on July 2, 2010. An original and nine (9) copies of written comments must be filed with the Clerk.

The Petition and related documents are on file for examination at the Commission's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The Petition can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org, under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4153. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
June 22, 2010