

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION OF TRUE WIRELESS, LLC :
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE : DOCKET NO. 4279
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE :
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE :
PURPOSE OF OFFERING LIFELINE SERVICE :
TO QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On August 31, 2011, True Wireless, LLC (“True Wireless” or “Company”) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) a Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) throughout its service area in the State of Rhode Island pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)¹ in order to provide discounted service to low income customers and receive certain subsidies from the Federal Universal Service Fund (“Petition”); and

WHEREAS, Under this pre-paid wireless telecommunications service, True Wireless will provide handsets to lifeline participants free of charge (only one participant per household) and will offer three pricing plans to customers, one of which provides 90 minutes free of charge after the application of the Lifeline discount; and

WHEREAS, Because it is a pre-paid service, there is no concern that customers be protected from long-distance charges as there is with landline ETC service; and

WHEREAS, True Wireless has indicated that it will discount its customary \$60 activation fee by \$30 and customers may either pay the \$30 up front or over a twelve-month period with no interest; and

WHEREAS, True Wireless has been allowed ETC status in three other states; and

¹ 47 U.S.C. 214(e) imposed statutory responsibility upon the Commission to certify telecommunications service providers as “eligible” to receive funds from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

WHEREAS, True Wireless responded to data requests issued by the Commission;
and

WHEREAS, On October 14, 2011, the Commission issued a Public Notice to Solicit Comments regarding the Petition. No comments were received; and

WHEREAS, On November 4, 2011, the Division filed a Memorandum with the Commission recommending approval of True Wireless' Petition on the basis that the Company had adequately met all of the Commission's requirements in the ETC Rules;
and

WHEREAS, The Commission is of the opinion that True Wireless' petition for ETC designation is proper, complies with the federal and state requirements, and is in the best interest of ratepayers; and

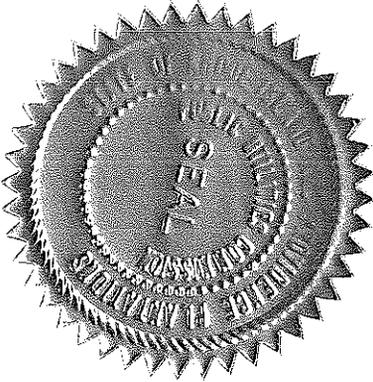
Accordingly, it is hereby

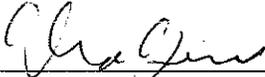
(20555) ORDERED:

- 1) True Wireless, LLC is hereby designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout its service area for receiving universal service support.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 30, 2011
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON
DECEMBER 5, 2011.

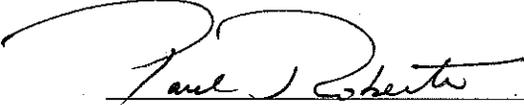
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Elia Germani, Chairman

Mary E. Bray, Commissioner*



Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

*Commissioner Bray concurs but is unavailable for signature.