

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a)
enTouch Wireless Application Seeking Partial)
Relinquishment of Designation as ETC on a)
Wireless Basis (Low-Income Only) in a Certain)
Service Area Previously Served by Underlying)
Carrier Verizon Wireless and Removal of AT&T)
Mobility as an Underlying Carrier)
File No. RD-2024-0006

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation*, states the following:

1. On July 18th, Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless (“enTouch”) filed a request for the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to relinquish a portion of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation in the State of Missouri.¹ The areas the company is requesting to relinquish ETC designation is in Exhibit B of the application.

2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is *Staff’s Recommendation*, in which Staff recommends the Commission approve the partial relinquishment of EnTouch’s ETC designation according to Exhibit B of its application.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission approve the partial relinquishment of Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless’ ETC designation, as outlined in Exhibit B of its application.

¹ On May 31, 2013 Case No. RA-2013-0115 granted the Company ETC status. In March 2016 Case No. RA-2016-0218 expanded its service area to all Missouri exchanges.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 11th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. RD-2024-0006

From: Kari Salsman, Senior Research/Data Analyst
John VanEschen, Regulatory Compliance Manager
Telecommunications Department

Subject: Staff's Recommendation for Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a
enTouch Wireless' Notice of Partial Relinquishment of
Its Eligible Telecommunication Carrier Designation.

Date: August 11, 2023

On July 18th, Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless (enTouch) filed a request for the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to relinquish a portion of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation in the State of Missouri.¹ The areas the company is requesting to relinquish ETC designation is in Exhibit B of the application.

The requirements for relinquishment of ETC status is contained in Commission rule 20 CSR-4240-31.015. This rule indicates a company can relinquish its ETC designation by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative at least sixty (60) days prior to relinquishing ETC status demonstrating compliance with 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4). These federal requirements are codified in FCC rule 47 CFR 54.205 and essentially are intended to ensure the affected area will continue to be served by at least one ETC.

The company is relinquishing a portion of its ETC designation due to a change in corporate ownership. With the new arrangement the Company will no longer utilize the Verizon Wireless and AT&T Mobility networks as underlying carriers. The impacted customers will need to choose whether to port their service to an alternate underlying carrier or to transfer their service to a different ETC in their area.² According to the company's filing, numerous other ETCs will continue to serve the area. The company provided a list of other wireless and landline ETCs offering Lifeline service in the area.³ The Company will provide multiple advance notices to its subscribers via mail and text.⁴ In Staff's opinion the company has satisfied federal requirements.

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² Approximately four subscribers will be impacted. The subscribers need to port or transfer their service by October 8, 2023 otherwise their service will be discontinued.

³ Exhibit C contains other ETCs in the service area.

⁴ The Company provided a draft notice in Exhibit D and will send each affected subscriber notices 60, 45, 30, 15 and 5 days in advance, beginning August 9, 2023, which is sixty days prior to the company's requested relinquishment date of October 8, 2023.

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Staff recommends the Commission approve the partial relinquishment of Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless' ETC designation according to Exhibit B of its application.