

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

In the Matter of Cricket Communications, Inc.)
Notice of Relinquishment of Its Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier Designation)
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(4)) **File No. RA-2015-0219**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO CANCEL DESIGNATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. On March 17, 2014, Cricket Communications, Inc. filed a request to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (“ETC”) designation.

2. In lieu of a memorandum, the Staff herein recommends that the Commission grant the Company’s request. The Commission does not have specific rules concerning relinquishing, but relies on 47 USC §214(e)(4). The Staff agrees that Cricket meets all of the requirements set forth therein and has specifically explained how its existing Lifeline customers can continue to receive service.

3. Although it is not required to do so, Cricket requests that it be allowed time to move its Lifeline customers to a newer service offering. The newer offering will provide better service to customers at a lower price. Cricket asks that the Commission issue an Order that allows it to cease taking orders for new Lifeline service as of May 1, 2015, and allow it to cease offering Lifeline service as of July 31, 2015, the effective date of its relinquishment. Cricket would be eligible for support for Lifeline service provided to qualifying customers until that date.

4. The Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order Removing the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status as set forth above.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Cricket Communications, Inc.'s request to relinquish its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the receipt of low-income support from the federal Universal Service Fund, as more fully set forth in Paragraph 3 above.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 3rd day of April, 2015.

