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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the Eligible) Telecommunications Carrier Status of Surety Wireless) <u>File No. RD-2018-0350</u>

NOTICE OF REQUEST TO CANCEL ETC DESIGNATION AND ORDER SETTING INTERVENTION DATE

Issue Date: June 1, 2018

Effective Date: June 1, 2018

On May 24, 2018, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation to cancel the wireless Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) designation of Assurance Home Phone Services, Inc., d/b/a Surety Wireless (Surety Wireless), as granted on June 14, 2010, in Commission File No. RA-2011-0298. Staff supplemented its motion on May 30, 2018.

Staff attached correspondence from Surety Wireless notifying the Commission that it intended to discontinue service in Missouri. Surety Wireless also indicated that it had no wireless Lifeline subscribers in Missouri and that on November 16, 2017, it had previously notified its customers of its intent to relinquish its ETC designation in Missouri. Surety Wireless noted that there were numerous other wireless ETC carriers serving in its Missouri-service area.

The Commission does not have specific rules concerning relinquishing ETC authority but relies on 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4), which states, in part,

Prior to permitting ... an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission ... shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of

adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The State commission . . . shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the State commission . . . approves such relinquishment under this paragraph, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

Therefore, the Commission issues this notice that Surety Wireless intends to relinquish its wireless ETC designation to all ETC carriers in Surety Wireless's service territory as granted in File No. RA-2011-0298 (the wire centers listed in Exhibit B to the original application and attached to this order). The Commission will also set a deadline for filing requests for intervention.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Data Center of the Commission shall send a copy of this notice to each eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the state of Missouri.

2. Any objections to this request for relinquishment or requests for intervention shall be filed no later than June 15, 2018.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L Woodruf

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1st day of June, 2018.

EXHIBIT "B"

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 1st day of June 2018.

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodru Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

June 1, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Distributed to each Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the state of Missouri.

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.