



December 7, 2021

Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
P.O. Box 360
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**Re: In the Matter of Missouri RSA 5 Partnership a/k/a Missouri RSA No. 5
Partnership d/b/a Chariton Valley Wireless Relinquishment of ETC
Designation, Effective December 31, 2021
File No. RD-2022-0121**

To The Commission:

Missouri RSA 5 Partnership, a/k/a Missouri RSA No. 5 Partnership d/b/a Chariton Valley Wireless Services (“MO5”), in response to the Order Directing Supplemental Filing issued November 22, 2021 in the above-referenced matter (“Order”), hereby supplements its notice to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) status. The Order directed MO5 to supplement its notice “with information as to whether MO5 is ceasing all operations in Missouri; the ability of all existing MO5 customers to switch service to another provider, including the ability to retain their phone numbers and wireless devices; and, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4), explaining whether the purchase or construction of additional facilities by any of the remaining ETCs will be necessary to continue to serve the customers in MO5’s service area.”

Currently, MO5 operates both retail and wholesale wireless networks in Missouri. Specifically, MO5 operates a 3G CDMA network pursuant to which it primarily provides retail mobile wireless service to its customers as a competitive ETC in certain areas in Missouri. MO5 also operates a 4G Long Term Evolution (“LTE”) network pursuant to which it primarily provides wholesale roaming services to customers of Verizon Wireless. The disposition of these two networks will differ, but ultimately, MO5 will cease all operations in Missouri.

MO5 will cease providing retail wireless services, and will decommission its retail wireless CDMA network after December 31, 2021. Among other factors, MO5’s CDMA network is dependent upon a third-party provider for switching necessary for MO5 to provide service to its customers. The third-party provider will no longer be able provide these services after December 31, 2021. MO5 has notified its customers that they must select a new wireless provider prior to December 31st.

Numerous other wireless providers, including AT&T, T-Mobile, United States Cellular, Verizon Wireless and various resellers, provide wireless services in the area in which MO5 is designated as a competitive ETC. If MO5’s customers desire to continue to obtain mobile wireless services, they are free to obtain service from *any* of the numerous carriers that offer service in the area. In general, MO5’s customers may keep their existing telephone numbers by porting their number to their selected provider. Prior to December 6, 2021, MO5’s customers in certain areas

may not have been able to port their telephone numbers to Verizon Wireless, but as of December 6th, any of MO5's customers may switch to Verizon Wireless and retain their numbers.

MO5 anticipates that most customers will be able to retain their current mobile devices if they so choose. This, however, depends on the requirements and restrictions of the new provider and the wireless plans that the customers select. Customers should examine this when selecting a new provider. MO5 customers that select Verizon Wireless will have several options to choose from regarding their current devices, including recycling the device with MO5, trading in the device to Verizon Wireless, or continuing to use the device, depending on the device.

There is no need for the Commission to require any other ETC to purchase or construct additional facilities in order to serve MO5's customers. Mobile wireless services are highly competitive, and numerous other carriers, including United States Cellular (a competitive ETC), provide service in the area in which MO5 is designated as a competitive ETC. As discussed above, MO5's customers are free to choose from any of the numerous wireless carriers that serve north central Missouri. In MO5's October 29th notice of ETC relinquishment, MO5 provided information regarding the ability of Lifeline customers to continue to obtain Lifeline services from another Lifeline provider.

Finally, in addition to the CDMA network which MO5 primarily uses to provide retail wireless services, MO5 also operates a 4G LTE network which primarily serves roaming customers of Verizon Wireless. MO5 and Verizon Wireless have reached an agreement pursuant to which Verizon Wireless will acquire these 4G LTE network assets and, after a transition period, will take-over operation of this 4G LTE network.¹

For the reasons explained above and in MO5's October 29th notice, MO5's relinquishment of its competitive ETC status, effective December 31, 2021, is consistent with Section 214(e)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any additional questions.

Respectfully Submitted



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¹ For avoidance of doubt, Verizon Wireless is not acquiring MO5's CDMA network, customers, or retail operations.