

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

In the Matter of a Repository Docket in)
Which to Gather Information about the)
Lifeline Program and Evaluate the) **File No. TW-2014-0012**
Purposes and Goals of the Missouri)
Universal Service Fund)

STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Report on the disbursements to wireless telecommunications providers under the auspices of the low-income portion of the federal Universal Service Fund.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its Report.

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 9th day of December, 2014.



Memorandum

To: Official Case File
Case No. TW-2014-0012

From: Kari Salsman
Telecommunications Unit

Date: December 5, 2014

Subject: Lifeline Disbursements to Missouri Wireless Carriers

Staff has gathered information pertaining to Lifeline disbursements made to all Missouri wireless eligible telecommunication carriers (ETC). This data was obtained from USAC's website and covers the time period of November 2013 through October 2014.¹

Attachment A shows the monthly disbursements made to each carrier, the total amount received in the time period, and the percent changes over time. The companies are sorted from highest to lowest based on the total amount received for the twelve month time period, with disbursements ranging from \$56 to \$5,149,731. Attachment B is a visual of the trends for each company. While some companies receiving a significant amount of Lifeline support experienced high growth over the past year, others have experienced steep declines. Overall, disbursements to Missouri wireless ETCs have declined by 14.2% for the time period observed.

Attachment A: Wireless carriers monthly lifeline disbursements..

Attachment B: Graphs by company showing lifeline disbursement trends.

¹ www.usac.org/li/tools/disbursements

**Missouri Wireless ETCs
Federal Lifeline Disbursements**

Company	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	TOTAL	Annual % Change
TRACFONE WIRELESS INC.	\$ 411,868	\$ 461,853	\$ 470,048	\$ 465,741	\$ 451,354	\$ 455,840	\$ 446,997	\$ 428,146	\$ 405,667	\$ 361,277	\$ 384,763	\$ 406,177	\$ 5,149,731	-1%
TELRITE CORPORATION	\$ 446,052	\$ 437,016	\$ 386,013	\$ 334,110	\$ 317,831	\$ 298,794	\$ 277,823	\$ 275,650	\$ 251,249	\$ 229,445	\$ 219,883	\$ 189,531	\$ 3,663,397	-58%
TOTAL CALL MOBILE INC	\$ 139,066	\$ 158,397	\$ 172,198	\$ 184,075	\$ 168,961	\$ 168,840	\$ 108,660	\$ 193,797	\$ 210,660	\$ 244,283	\$ 236,624	\$ 237,559	\$ 2,223,120	71%
CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 136,382	\$ 134,856	\$ 129,981	\$ 139,351	\$ 149,859	\$ 168,045	\$ 174,890	\$ 179,857	\$ 166,889	\$ 168,535	\$ 148,296	\$ 148,296	\$ 1,845,237	9%
VIRGIN MOBILE USA LP	\$ 122,886	\$ 133,288	\$ 133,288	\$ 141,562	\$ 157,019	\$ 161,958	\$ 166,075	\$ 157,713	\$ 157,713	\$ 148,722	\$ 147,917	\$ 147,917	\$ 1,776,056	20%
YOURTEL AMERICA INC.	\$ 255,161	\$ 246,513	\$ 237,947	\$ 165,677	\$ 161,940	\$ 104,146	\$ 102,185	\$ 98,263	\$ (28,555)	\$ 70,078	\$ 64,399	\$ 58,192	\$ 1,535,946	-77%
BUDGET PREPAY INC.	\$ 47,582	\$ 70,642	\$ 82,279	\$ 92,815	\$ 103,961	\$ 116,365	\$ 129,722	\$ 142,524	\$ 129,075	\$ 144,217	\$ 154,873	\$ 164,928	\$ 1,378,983	247%
NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$ 136,743	\$ 126,263	\$ 105,914	\$ 91,853	\$ 89,993	\$ 85,859	\$ 76,248	\$ 72,104	\$ 62,308	\$ 62,308	\$ 53,049	\$ 43,484	\$ 1,006,126	-68%
GLOBAL CONNECTION INC OF AMERICA	\$ 116,078	\$ 103,970	\$ 82,473	\$ 67,452	\$ 117,428	\$ 64,833	\$ 78,357	\$ 59,237	\$ 44,243	\$ 38,813	\$ 38,869	\$ 35,344	\$ 847,097	-70%
TAG MOBILE LLC (Formerly Unity Telecom)	\$ 96,450	\$ 85,637	\$ 79,772	\$ 72,687	\$ 69,116	\$ 65,879	\$ 59,838	\$ 54,261	\$ 47,092	\$ 42,023	\$ 40,080	\$ 38,166	\$ 751,001	-60%
ASSIST WIRELESS LLC	\$ 6,384	\$ 48,304	\$ 38,378	\$ 69,301	\$ 74,786	\$ 76,969	\$ 79,485	\$ 73,871	\$ 59,117	\$ 60,597	\$ 61,022	\$ 63,640	\$ 711,854	32%
Q LINK WIRELESS LLC	\$ 34,318	\$ 41,514	\$ 45,196	\$ 48,951	\$ 51,652	\$ 54,732	\$ 60,301	\$ 66,239	\$ 66,138	\$ 74,527	\$ 78,523	\$ 82,963	\$ 705,054	142%
I-WIRELESS LLC	\$ 44,271	\$ 44,594	\$ 43,446	\$ 37,315	\$ 38,406	\$ 38,194	\$ 37,601	\$ 38,249	\$ 48,812	\$ 62,280	\$ 75,841	\$ 82,371	\$ 591,380	86%
BLUE JAY WIRELESS LLC	\$ 11,960	\$ 12,118	\$ 12,136	\$ 8,566	\$ 8,149	\$ 7,409	\$ 6,762	\$ 5,948	\$ 3,386	\$ 6,910	\$ 14,828	\$ 25,114	\$ 123,286	110%
AEGIS TELECOM INC.	\$ 4,375	\$ 4,126	\$ 3,867	\$ 3,108	\$ 2,988	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,562	\$ 2,211	\$ 1,832	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,600	\$ 34,051	-63%
MISSOURI RSA 5 PARTNERSHIP	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,055	\$ 990	\$ 934	\$ 934	\$ 962	\$ 916	\$ 916	\$ 934	\$ 852	\$ 852	\$ 796	\$ 11,241	-28%
TEMPO TELECOM LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 796	\$ -	\$ 6,041	\$ 1,591	\$ 1,018	\$ 1,203	\$ -	\$ 10,862	465%
ASSURANCE HOME PHONE SERVICE IN	\$ 1,129	\$ 1,036	\$ 962	\$ 722	\$ 703	\$ 685	\$ 648	\$ 574	\$ 564	\$ 398	\$ 342	\$ 324	\$ 8,087	-71%
NORTHWEST MISSOURI CELLULAR LIM	\$ 500	\$ 481	\$ 472	\$ 352	\$ 389	\$ 398	\$ 426	\$ 389	\$ 379	\$ 361	\$ 352	\$ 333	\$ 4,832	-33%
T-MOBILE USA INC.	\$ 657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 990	\$ 518	\$ 518	\$ 518	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,673	-21%
YAKIMA MSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	\$ 435	\$ 398	\$ 426	\$ 370	\$ 333	\$ 333	\$ 333	\$ 306	\$ 306	\$ 259	\$ 259	\$ 287	\$ 4,044	-34%
EASY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY									\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 9	\$ 0	\$ 56	-81%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,013,398	\$ 2,112,061	\$ 2,025,999	\$ 1,926,414	\$ 1,965,802	\$ 1,873,951	\$ 1,811,004	\$ 1,857,164	\$ 1,630,296	\$ 1,719,300	\$ 1,723,704	\$ 1,727,022	\$ 22,386,114	
MONTHLY % CHANGE		4.9%	-4.1%	-4.9%	2.0%	-4.7%	-3.4%	2.5%	-12.2%	5.5%	0.3%	0.2%		
													OVERALL % CHANGE	-14.2%



