

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER ANDERSON  
COMMISSIONER CHATBURN  
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF  
LEGAL

**FROM:** RILEY NEWTON  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

**DATE:** JULY 12, 2022

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF AIRVOICE WIRELESS, LLC'S d/b/a AIRTALK APPLICATION FOR LIMITED DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF IDAHO; CASE NO. AVW-T-22-01.

On March 23, 2022, AirVoice Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk (“Company”) applied for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho. The Company filed additional supplements to its Application on April 22, 2022, and on June 2, 2022, further elucidating its technical and financial capabilities.

### THE APPLICATION

The Company seeks designation solely to provide Lifeline service. The Company states that it is not eligible to seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”) “for the purpose of participating in the Link-Up program or providing service to high-cost areas.” Application at 4. The Company “requests that its designation as an ETC include the authority to participate in and receive reimbursement from the Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (“ITSAP”).


The Company asserts it meets all federal and state requirements for designation as an ETC. The Company contends that designating it as an ETC is in the public interest because it will allow the Company to provide Lifeline service to an impressive range of low-income Idaho residents. *Id.* at 5.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a twenty-one (21) day public comment deadline and a seven (7) day Company reply period.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a twenty-one (21) day public comment deadline and a seven (7) day Company reply period?



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