

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF Q LINK WIRELESS,) CASE NO. QLW-T-20-01
LLC’S APPLICATION TO EXPAND ITS)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CARRIER SERVICE AREA)
) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 34818
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On August 21, 2020, Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC (“Company”) applied to expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) service area to provide Lifeline service to additional qualifying Idaho households.

The Commission now sets deadlines for interested persons to comment on the Application, and for the Company to reply.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission designated the Company as an ETC in Order No. 32995 and set the Company’s service territory based on specified wire centers. *See* Case No. QLW-T-13-01.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company seeks to expand its service area. The Company’s proposed service territory is described in Exhibit 2 of the Company’s Application. The Company also seeks to participate in the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program. *See Idaho Code* §§ 56-901 to 56-905.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts “[e]xpansion of [the Company]’s service area will increase the number of low-income individuals that can benefit from the advantages offered by the Company’s Lifeline service, ensuring they have access to wholly-supported or discounted wireless voice and broadband service, and will thus further the public interest by providing more low-income Idaho customers with low-priced and high-quality services.” Application at 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company notes it “does not seek access to [Universal Service Fund] support for the purpose of providing service to high-cost areas.” *Id.* at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. The Application is also

available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "TELEPHONE" tab at the top of the home page, then select "Open Cases" and then locate and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 62 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 62 and Commission Rules of Procedure. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until November 9, 2020 to file written comments.** Comments must be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To comment by e-mail, please access the Commission's home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab and then "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. Comments filed by e-mail must also be e-mailed to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by November 16, 2020.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by November 9, 2020. The Company must file any reply comments by November 16, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19th
day of October 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

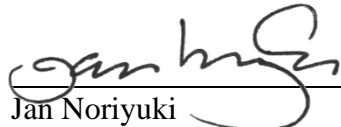


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



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Commission Secretary

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