

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF SYRINGA WIRELESS, LLC TO) CASE NO. SYR-T-08-01
RELINQUISH ITS ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)
DESIGNATION IN IDAHO) ORDER NO. 33448
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On September 8, 2015, Syringa Wireless LLC (“Syringa” or “Company”) submitted a Notice of Relinquishment of its eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) designation in Idaho, pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.204 and *Idaho Code* § 62-610D(4). Syringa notified the Commission that it would be “discontinuing all business as of December 31, 2015, and wishes to relinquish its ETC designation.”

NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT

Syringa is a commercial mobile radio service carrier currently providing mobile service as defined in the federal statute, and previously providing intrastate telecommunications services in Idaho. As noted above, Syringa stated that it will cease doing business effective December 31, 2015, because the Company believes that it is no longer “feasible to continue to operate.”

Syringa stated that its customers, including Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) and Lifeline subscribers, received notification of the Company’s closure by mail and through its website. In the Notice, the Company provided instructions for closing accounts along with a list of alternate wireless providers in the area. Customers under contract who do nothing will continue to have service through December 31, 2015. After that date, service will be discontinued and any agreement will be void. Customers who receive Syringa’s services through one of its partner companies, Project Mutual Telephone, Filer Mutual Telephone, Direct Communications and Albion Telephone, received a different set of instructions for terminating service.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff reviewed the Company’s Notice of Relinquishment and believes the Company meets the statutory requirements for relinquishment of the ETC designation, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a). Staff believes that Syringa’s ITSAP/Lifeline subscribers have competitively-

priced alternatives with other ETC providers in southern Idaho. Thus, Staff recommended Commission approval.

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION

The Commission has reviewed Syringa’s Notice of Relinquishment of its ETC designation in Idaho. The Commission finds that the Company has given adequate notice to its customers of its intent to discontinue its mobile telecommunications services in Idaho as of December 31, 2015. The Commission finds that these customers have alternative ETC providers in their service area and will not be unduly burdened by Syringa’s departure from the Idaho market. Accordingly, the Commission approves Syringa’s request to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho.

ORDER

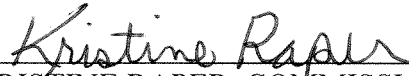
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Syringa Wireless, LLC to relinquish its ETC designation in the State of Idaho is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

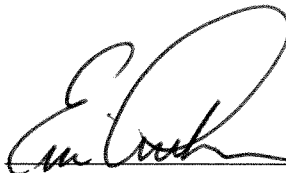
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 8th
day of January 2016.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

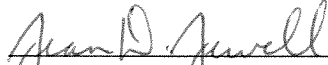


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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