DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: **GRACE SEAMAN**

DATE: **OCTOBER 30, 2015**

RE: **SYRINGA WIRELESS LLC'S APPLICATION TO RELINQUISH ITS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER DESIGNATION; CASE NO. SYR-T-08-01.**

On September 8, 2015, Syringa Wireless LLC ("Syringa" or the "Company") filed 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). The Commission granted ETC status to Syringa on August 28, 2008. *See* Order No. 30629.

Syringa is a commercial mobile radio service carrier currently providing mobile service as defined in the federal statute, and also provides intrastate telecommunications services in Idaho. *Id.* at 1. Syringa states that it will cease doing business effective December 31, 2015, because it is no longer "feasible to continue to operate." *See* Customer Notice. The Customer Notice, dated September 1, 2015, states that it will maintain customer accounts until the above date. Customers who receive Syringa Wireless services through one of its partners will receive a different set of instructions for terminating service. The partner companies are Project Mutual Telephone, Filer Mutual Telephone, Direct Communications, and Albion Telephone. *Id.*

All customers, including the Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) and Lifeline subscribers, received notification of the Company's closure by mail and through its website. *See* Cover Letter. In the notice, the Company provides instructions for closing accounts along with a list of other wireless providers in the area.

Customers under contract who do nothing will continue to have service through December 31, 2015. After that date, the service will be discontinued and any agreement will be voided. *See* Customer Notice.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the Company meets the statutory requirements for relinquishment of the ETC designation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a). Staff also believes that Syringa's ITSAP/Lifeline subscribers have competitively-priced alternatives with other ETC providers in southern Idaho. Thus, Staff recommends Commission approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission approve Syringa Wireless LLC's Application to relinquish its ETC designation in Idaho?

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