

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF
NPCR, INC. d/b/a NEXTEL PARTNERS
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2)

DOCKET NO. 03-UA-0256

ORDER

THIS DAY, there came on for consideration by the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") the Application of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners ("Nextel Partners") for designation as a carrier eligible for federal universal service support pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("TA96"). The Commission, being fully apprised in the premises and having considered the documents, responses of Nextel Partners to discovery requests submitted by the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("MPUS"), and the record before it, as authorized by law and upon recommendation of the MPUS, finds as follows, to-wit:

1. On April 17, 2003, Nextel Partners filed with the Commission its Application pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Rules 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201 through 54.207, requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for its current service area which includes the State of Mississippi (the "designated service area").
2. The Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Order, and entry hereof is in the public interest.
3. Due and proper notice of the Application was given to all interested persons as required by law and the Commission's Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure.
4. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") intervened and became a party of record in this matter.



5. Nextel Partners provides wireless telecommunications services throughout certain designated areas of the State of Mississippi pursuant to licenses issued by the FCC.

6. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and FCC Rule 47 C.F.R. § 54.201, to qualify under federal law as a telecommunications carrier eligible for universal service funding, carriers must satisfy certain requirements or qualify for a waiver of those requirements. An ETC must offer the following services:

- a. Voice grade access to the public switched network;
- b. Access to free of charge "local usage" defined as an amount of minutes of use of exchange service;
- c. Dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent;
- d. Single-party service or its functional equivalent;
- e. Access to emergency services;
- f. Access to operator services;
- g. Access to directory assistance;
- h. Access to interexchange services;
- i. Toll limitations services for qualifying low-income customers.

7. Qualified ETCs must offer these services either using their own facilities or a combination of their own facilities and the resale of services of another facilities-based carrier. Further, ETCs must advertise the availability of, and the prevailing prices for, the universal services throughout the area in which they have been designated as an ETC. Nextel Partners satisfies these requirements and shall continue to comply with each of these provisions regarding service provision and offerings.

8. Nextel Partners will implement a program to advertise the availability of the above-referenced services and related charges using media of general distribution in its certificated service area as required by Section 254(e)(1)(B) of TA96 and Section 54.201(d)(2) of the FCC's Rules.

9. The Commission finds that Nextel Partners is capable of providing the services required for ETC designation and is capable of providing such services with an adequate degree of quality.

10. The Commission finds that Nextel Partners has committed to serve all subscribers upon request in its designated service area. Nextel Partners has committed to provide service either through its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale.

11. Nextel Partners has not requested ETC designation for the exchanges of small rural carriers (independent telephone companies).

12. The Commission finds that an ETC designation to Nextel Partners can at a future time be modified or changed by subsequent Order of this Commission.

13. The Commission finds that ETC designation cannot be granted solely based on resale. Therefore, the Commission finds that Nextel Partners shall provide service either through its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale to all subscribers upon request in its designated service area.

14. Nextel Partners shall also offer Lifeline and Linkup services pursuant to Nextel Partners' Lifeline and Linkup tariffs which were filed with this Commission on July 17, 2003 in this Docket.

The Commission, having jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter, and having considered Nextel Partners' Application and the evidence in support thereof, finds that Nextel

Partners is entitled to be granted designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier throughout its designated service area in Mississippi based on timely complying with all conditions expressed in this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. Nextel Partners is designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Mississippi in the non-rural Designated Areas listed in Attachment 1 hereto. Nextel Partners shall provide service either through its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale to all subscribers upon request in its designated service area.
2. This Commission retains continuing jurisdiction to review, modify, or revoke its designation of Nextel Partners as an ETC. Nextel Partners is conditionally designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout the Designated Areas listed in Attachment 1. This ETC designation is for federal universal service funds, and is based on federal rules and guidelines as they exist today. Likewise, should the Universal Service Administrative Company or any other agency revise contribution or disbursement requirements that would directly impact the State of Mississippi and its consumers, the Commission retains its jurisdiction to review, modify and/or revoke its designation of Nextel Partners as an ETC. Additionally, should any information supplied by Nextel Partners in this docket be inaccurate, the designation of Nextel Partners as an ETC may be revoked.
3. The entire file of the Commission, as well as all responses to all discovery requests of the MPUS, are specially made a part of the record in this matter.

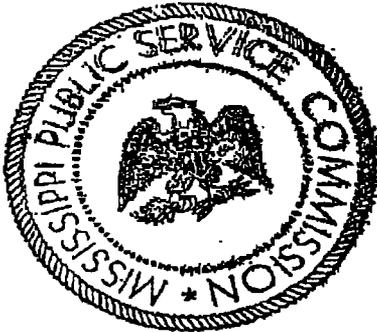
4. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

SO ORDERED, this the 20th day of September, 2003.

Chairman Michael Callahan voted aye; Vice Chairman Bo Robinson voted aye

Commissioner Nielsen Cochran voted aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, Chairman

Bo Robinson
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Brian U. Ray
BRIAN U. RAY, Executive Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

Designated Areas for which Nextel Partners
Is Designated As An ETC

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May 6, 2002

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Commission Secretary
IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Ref: Election of a Federal High-Cost Universal Service Support Disaggregation Plan pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Rules under Section 54.315, "Disaggregation and targeting of support by rural incumbent local exchange carriers".

Dear Mrs. Jewell,

In conformance with Section 54.315 of the FCC rules, this filing designates the Company's election for the Path of Disaggregation for the following rural incumbent local exchange company operating in the State of Idaho.

**Path 3: Self-Certification for Disaggregation of Federal USF Support
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho**

For the Company listed above, we have enclosed an affidavit titled "Certification of Disaggregation Plan" which provides a statement declaring the selected path for disaggregation the Company has selected, the name and address of the individual(s) to be contacted concerning the plan being filed, the Study Area Code (SAC) assigned under the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) program, and the signature of an authorized Corporate Officer.

In addition, we have enclosed a complete description of the rationale used to compute and disaggregate the Federal USF support by category of support, the wire centers which comprise each support zone, the Federal USF support per line per wire center (Exhibit 1), and exchange boundary maps which clearly identify the wire center boundaries of the designated disaggregation zones within the Company's study area.

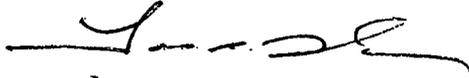
Complete copies of this filing are also being sent to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in accordance with the FCC rules.



An additional copy of this letter is also enclosed. Please stamp this copy received and return it in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Should you have any questions on the information included in this filing, please contact myself or the individuals listed on the enclosed "Certification of Disaggregation Plan" document.

Sincerely,



Lance A. Tade
State Regulatory Manager
Frontier
A Citizens Communications Company

Enclosures

xc: Administrator-USAC
M. Shultz
R. Brockmann



Certification of Disaggregation Plan

The following incumbent local exchange carriers operating in the State of Idaho, have elected to follow Path 3, Self-Certification for Disaggregation of Federal USF Support, for the following Study Areas:

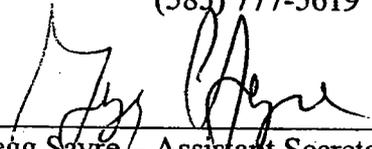
Company / Study Area	Study Area Code
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho	474427

Name and Address of Individuals to be contacted concerning this Plan:

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Corporate Officer Signature: _____


Gregg Sayre - Assistant Secretary



USF Disaggregation Plan

Methodology Used for Path 2 and Path 3 Certifications

The following document describes the Disaggregation Plan and specific procedures used by Frontier, a Citizen's Communications Company (the "Company"), to determine the allocation of its' Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) support per line, per Study Area. The plan is based in part, on wire center costs as developed from forward-looking cost proxy models.

The Company began by segregating wire centers within each Study Area into three separate cost zones based on line cost estimates from two forward looking cost proxy models – the Citizens Costmap Wireline Model and the HAI 5.0a model¹. For each of the Company's Study Areas within the State, a forward-looking weighted average cost per line was computed. Next, for each of the wire centers in a given Study Area, an average cost per line, per wire center was computed. The average cost per line, per wire center was then compared to the average cost per line for the entire Study Area. The wire centers were then classified into three cost zones depending on the relationship between the average cost per line for the wire center and the average cost per line for the study area. Zone 1 includes all wire centers whose average cost per line were below 75% of the study area average cost per line. Zone 2 includes those wire centers whose average cost per line were between 75% and 125% of the study area average and Zone 3 includes all wire centers greater than 125% of the study area average.

Next the Company calculated the estimated Federal Universal Support per line by dividing its 2002 budgeted USF support by study area over the 12/31/2001 access line counts. The Company disaggregated the USF support per study area between local switching support (LSS), high cost fund (HCF), interstate access support (IAF) and long-term support (LTS). The final allocation was to spread the aggregate USF support dollars over all wire centers in the three cost zones.

¹ Estimated forward looking line costs for Citizen's wire centers were computed using the Company's Costmap Wireline Model, while estimated forward looking line costs for Frontier's wire centers were computed using results from the HAI Model, v5.0a.

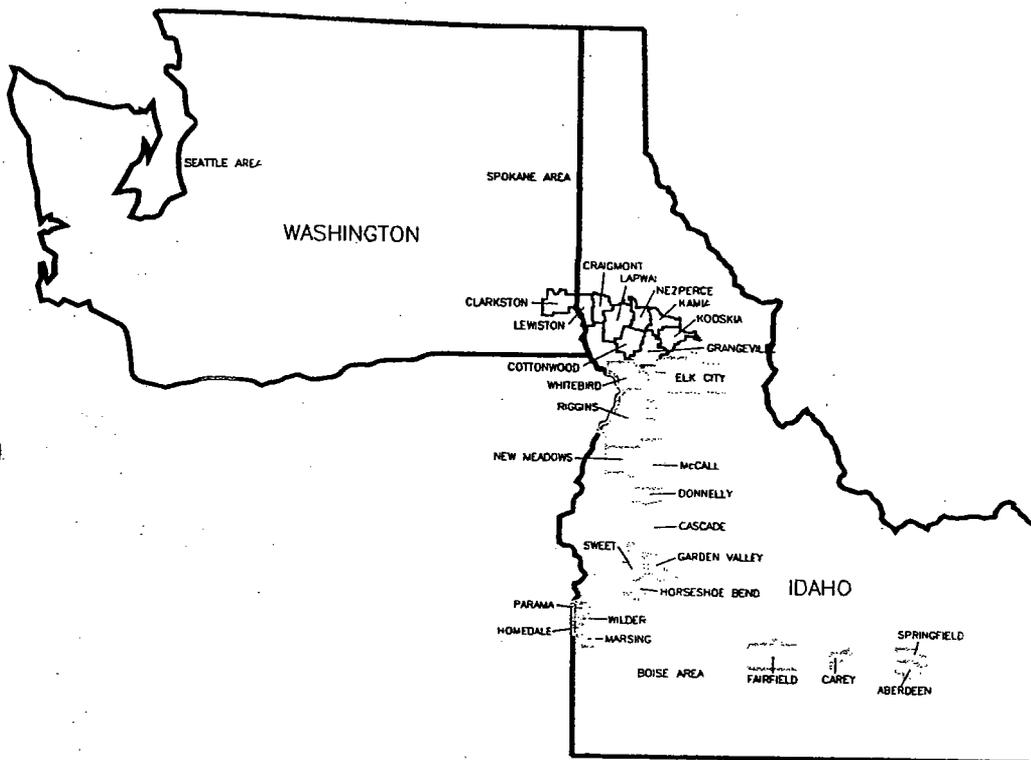
The Company first allocated the LSS (assuming the Company receives this support in the Study Area), equally by wire center over all lines in the study area. This is based on the fact that LSS support is generally not influenced by factors such as distance and density, both of which directly affect loop costs. The LSS cost per line was computed by dividing the annual LSS expected by the total access lines in the Study Area. The remainder of the Federal USF support (HCF, IAF & LTS) was added together for each Study Area and allocated between cost Zones 2 and 3. These support dollars were allocated between Zones 2 and 3 on the basis of the ratio of the wire center's total cost per Zone to the total combined cost of Zones 2 and 3. The wire center's total cost is equal to the average cost per line, as computed by the cost proxy model, times the number of access lines in the wire center. The total allocated costs to each wire center were then divided by the access lines in that wire center to arrive at the total allocated USF per line, per wire center.

In summary, under the Company's plan, each wire center is classified into only one distinct cost zone. Support on a per line basis is then based on the relationship of the total cost of the specific wire center to the total cost of all wire centers included in that cost zone.

CTC of Idaho
SAC Number: 474427

Exhibit 1

Cilli	Exchange	Lines	Per Line LSS	Per Line HCF, IAF, LTS	Per Line
Zone 1					
HMDLIDXCDS0	Homedale	2,228	\$ 4.27	\$ -	\$ 4.27
MCCLIDXCDS0	McCall	5,209	\$ 4.27	\$ -	\$ 4.27
MRNGIDXCDS0	Marsing	1,234	\$ 4.27	\$ -	\$ 4.27
WLDRIDXCDS0	Wilder	1,123	\$ 4.27	\$ -	\$ 4.27
PARMIDXCDS0	Parma	1,973	\$ 4.27	\$ -	\$ 4.27
	Total	11,767	\$ 4.27	\$ -	\$ 4.27
Zone 2					
GRVYIDXCDS0	Garden Valley	1,282	\$ 4.27	\$ 22.84	\$ 27.11
ABRDIDXCDS0	Aberdeen	1,194	\$ 4.27	\$ 23.51	\$ 27.78
CSCDIDXCDS0	Cascade	1,666	\$ 4.27	\$ 31.10	\$ 35.37
	Total	4,142	\$ 4.27	\$ 26.35	\$ 30.62
Zone 3					
HRBNIDXCDS0	Horseshoe Bend	721	\$ 4.27	\$ 41.21	\$ 45.48
RGNSIDXCDS1	Riggins	918	\$ 4.27	\$ 44.90	\$ 49.17
DNLVIDXCDS0	Donnelly	881	\$ 4.27	\$ 46.76	\$ 51.03
FRFDIDXCDS0	Fairfield	582	\$ 4.27	\$ 60.21	\$ 64.48
SPFDIDXCDS0	Springfield	241	\$ 4.27	\$ 60.95	\$ 65.22
CARYIDXCDS1	Carey	371	\$ 4.27	\$ 63.71	\$ 67.98
NWMDIDXCDS1	New Meadows	786	\$ 4.27	\$ 64.14	\$ 68.41
SWETIDXCDS1	Sweet	428	\$ 4.27	\$ 73.54	\$ 77.81
WHBRIDXCDS1	White Bird	367	\$ 4.27	\$ 120.23	\$ 124.50
EKCYIDXCDS0	Elk City	371	\$ 4.27	\$ 237.64	\$ 241.91
	Total	5,666	\$ 4.27	\$ 70.54	\$ 74.81
	Total Lines	21,575			



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