BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF VIRGIN MOBILE USA, L.P. FOR) CASE NO. VMU-T-11-01
LIMITED DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 32616
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 3, 2011, Virgin Mobile USA filed a Petition requesting limited designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Idaho. Virgin Mobile is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation, and seeks ETC designation only for the purpose of participating in the Lifeline program. It provides prepaid wireless service to its customers. Virgin Mobile seeks ETC designation for its entire service area in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Virgin Mobile's Petition asserts that it meets all of the requirements of Section 214(e)(1) of the federal Telecommunications Act to be designated an ETC. Specifically, Virgin Mobile asserts it is able to provide the supported services required for ETC designation, including access to the public switched telephone network, local calling service, access to emergency services, as well as access to operator services and directory assistance. In addition, Virgin Mobile asserts it will advertise the availability and rates for its services as required by the Act. Finally, Virgin Mobile asserts its designation as an ETC "will further the public interest by providing Idaho consumers, especially low income consumers, with lower prices and higher quality services." Petition, p. 17. The Company has been and will continue to pay into the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail address(es) listed above.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and exhibits are also available on the

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Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Telephone Cases."

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 and specifically *Idaho Code* § 62-610D. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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*.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this /4^{+h} day of August 2012.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

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