

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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YOURTEL AMERICA, INC.,)	DOCKET UT-110423
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)	YOURTEL AMERICA, INC.'S
)	APPLICATION TO AMEND
For an Exemption from WAC 480-123-)	DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
030(1)(d), (f) and (g), and Designation as)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)	CARRIER
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YourTel America, Inc. (“YourTel”) respectfully requests that the Commission amend its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in accordance with the Commission’s Order Granting the Exemption from Provisions of WAC 480-123-030(1)(d), (f) and (g), and Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier issued in this docket on June 16, 2011 to add the exchange areas listed in Appendix A to the areas in which YourTel is designated as an ETC.

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 2, 2011, YourTel America, Inc. (YourTel or Company) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for certain specified geographical areas in Washington pursuant to Section 214 (e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-123-030. YourTel sought ETC designation in Washington for the purpose of receiving the federal Lifeline and Link Up support, which are parts of the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) and subsidize qualified low-income households' monthly charges for basic telephone services and the non-recurring connection charges, respectively.
- 2 YourTel filed four amendments to its original petition to describe an additional Lifeline plan for qualified residents in tribal areas and clarify details of its commitment to E911 provision and customer verification procedures.
- 3 The Commission considered YourTel's petition as amended at its open meeting on June 16, 2011 and issued Order 01 on that date. The Commission found in Order 01 that this petition met the requirements of WAC 480-123-030, except for provisions for which a waiver was granted, and that granting YourTel ETC status is "consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes."

- 4 Since the Commission issued Order 01 the FCC issued its Lifeline Reform Order¹ in which it determined that support for Link-Up service would no longer be available to Lifeline-only ETCs. Consistent with that dictate YourTel no longer seeks Link-Up support for its Washington customers. In all other respects, YourTel's service remains the same as that approved by the Commission in Order 01.
- 5 On June 6, 2012, consistent with the requirements of Order 01, YourTel filed its Application to Renew Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. YourTel incorporates this filing herein.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ETC DESIGNATION

- 6 WAC 480-123-030 sets forth the information that must be contained in a petition for designation as an ETC. YourTel provided all of the required information in compliance with this rule in its initial petition, as supplemented and amended, filed in this docket. YourTel incorporates these filings herein.
- 7 The exchange areas listed in Appendix A to this Application are covered by YourTel; however, YourTel inadvertently failed to include them in the Company's initial petition. YourTel now wishes to correct that situation and have its ETC designation expanded to include those exchange areas. Because the information provided by YourTel in its initial petition applies to the Appendix A exchange areas as fully as it does to the exchange areas included in the initial Petition, and because the Commission has already found in

¹ *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket Nos. 96-45, 03-109, 11-42, and 12-23, January 31, 2012 (rel. February 6, 2012) (Lifeline Reform Order).*

Order 01 that YourTel meets the requirements for designation as an ETC, there is no reason not to extend YourTel's ETC designation to include the exchange areas listed in Appendix A.

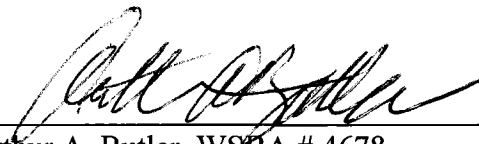
CONCLUSION

8 YourTel meets this Commission's requirements for designation as an ETC in the exchange areas included in Appendix A. As recognized by the Commission in Order 01, YourTel's current Lifeline offering is in the public interest. It follows that amendment of YourTel's designation as an ETC to include the exchange areas listed in Appendix A also is in the public interest because YourTel's Lifeline service offers low-income consumers in those areas a free wireless telecommunications option. Accordingly, YourTel respectfully requests the Commission to approve its Application and issue an order amending YourTel's designation as an ETC to include the exchange areas listed in Appendix A.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of August, 2012.

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Appendix A

Additional CenturyLink (formerly Qwest) exchange areas for which YourTel seeks ETC designation

Clarkston
Coulee Dam
Dayton
Northpoint
Omak
Oroville
Pasco
Pomeroy
Touchet
Waitsburg
Walla Walla