

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

In the Matter of the Petition of

ASSURANCE WIRELESS USA, L.P.
formerly known as (fka) VIRGIN MOBILE
USA, L.P.

Petition to expand Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)
designated service area.

DOCKET UT-250220

ORDER 01

GRANTING PETITION FOR THE
EXPANSION OF LIFELINE-ONLY
DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER “SERVICE AREA.”

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 10, 2010, Virgin Mobile USA L.P., now Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., (Assurance or Company) was designated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). Specifically, Assurance was designated as a Lifeline-Only (LLO) ETC for its initial designated service area outlined in Appendix A of Order 01 in Docket UT-100203.
- 2 On March 31, 2025, Assurance filed with the Commission a petition requesting to expand its LLO-ETC service area to include the exchanges listed in its initial Exhibit A of its more recent petition filed in Docket UT-250220. The Company filed a replacement Exhibit A on June 2, 2025, and filed second replacement Exhibit A on June 3, 2025, which included the complete list of exchanges the Company now will be serving. A revised supplemental Exhibit A was filed on June 5, 2025, which identifies the prior exchanges, and the expanded exchanges all listed together in one document.¹ Since the date of the initial ETC designation order, the coverage area of the Company’s underlying carrier (primarily T-Mobile) has expanded. In order to best serve its customers and offer Lifeline services to more prospective customers, the Company seeks to expand its LLO-ETC service area to match this expansion.

¹ See Appendix 1 attached to this order for the comprehensive list of exchanges that make up the expanded service area requested and approved in this case.

- 3 Commission Staff's (Staff) understands that T-Mobile and Assurance will serve all of the
customers currently served by U S Cellular Corporation upon its pending relinquishment
and that this filing will help make sure that low-income LLO customers will continue to
be served throughout T-Mobile's newly acquired territory via the Assurance Lifeline
offerings among other options also offered by T-Mobile in Docket UT-250179, as well.
- 4 Staff has reviewed Assurance's petition and supporting documents. Staff recommends
that the Commission grant the Company's petition.

DISCUSSION

- 5 We agree with Staff's recommendation and grant Assurance's petition.
- 6 The newly defined designated service area for Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., as
submitted on June 5, 2025, in this docket should be granted.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction over eligible telecommunications carriers in
Washington and the subject matter of this Order pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §
214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a), and WAC 480-07-370(3).
- 8 (2) The Commission has designated Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., (fka Virgin
Mobile) an ETC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1), 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d), and
WAC 480-123-030.
- 9 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
June 12, 2025.
- 10 (4) After reviewing Assurance's petition and giving due consideration to all relevant
matters, the Commission grants Assurance's petition and allows the Company to
expand its ETC designated to include the updated service area included in
Appendix 1 to this Order, effective June 15, 2025.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s, petition is granted, and the Company is allowed
to expand its ETC designated service area as set forth in paragraphs 6 and 10,
above.
- 12 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Assurance
Wireless USA, L.P. to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- 13 (3) The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public
interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, June 12, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary

Appendix 1