

December 28, 2009

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Dave Danner  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
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Re: Petition of TracFone Wireless Inc. for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier, Docket No. UT-093012

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed please find an original and twelve (12) copies of TracFone Wireless, Inc.'s  
Fourth Amendment to Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.  
An additional copy is included to be date-stamped and returned in the enclosed envelope.  
Please contact me if you have any questions about this submission.

Sincerely,



Debra McGuire Mercer

Enclosures

Before the

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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STAFF OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of )

Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. )  
for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications )  
Carrier in the State of Washington for the Limited )  
Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified )  
Households )  
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Docket No. UT-093012

**TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC.'S THIRD AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

TracFone Wireless, Inc. ("TracFone"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby amends its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the State of Washington to modify the service options available to Lifeline customers in Washington.

TracFone's currently-proposed Lifeline offering in Washington, to be marketed as SafeLink Wireless® and as described in its ETC Petition and in Commission Staff's Recommendation dated November 25, 2009, will consist of a free new wireless handset and 65 minutes of airtime at no charge each month to its SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline customers. The 65 minutes will be automatically loaded on the customer's handset each month and unused minutes will automatically carry over to the next month and will not expire as long as the customer remains an active customer. Under the initially-proposed Lifeline offering, SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline customers would be allowed to purchase any TracFone prepaid airtime card products at a rate no higher than \$0.20 per minute and use those airtime cards to add minutes to their handsets.

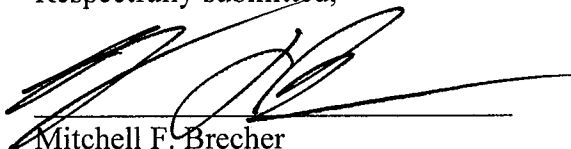
TracFone now plans to offer its SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline plan to qualifying customers, with one important revision. SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline customers who wish to purchase additional minutes will pay \$0.10 per minute for any amount of additional minutes, rather than the \$0.20 per minute rate initially proposed. This reflects the lowest per minute rate available to TracFone's customers. Therefore, Washington SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline customers will be able to purchase additional minutes of airtime for \$0.10 per minute rather than the \$0.20 per minute rate initially proposed.

In addition to the SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline plan, as modified by this amendment, TracFone will offer customers who qualify for Lifeline, two other options: the Straight Talk® Unlimited plan and the Straight Talk® All You Need plan. Both of these plans are available to all of TracFone's customers. However, qualifying Lifeline customers can purchase these plans with the Lifeline discount applied, i.e., at a monthly rate that is \$10 less than the rate charged to non-Lifeline customers. Under both Straight Talk® plans, a Lifeline customer will need to purchase a TracFone handset. Prices for TracFone handsets to be used with the Straight Talk® plans start at \$39.95. The Straight Talk plans allow subscribers to place and receive calls nationwide.

The Straight Talk® Unlimited Lifeline plan provides unlimited airtime, unlimited text and picture messages, unlimited data usage (on handsets with data capability), and calls to 411 at no additional charge, for \$35 per month for qualified Lifeline customers. The Straight Talk® All You Need Plan provides 1,000 minutes of airtime, 1,000 text or picture messages, 30 megabits of data usage (on handsets with data capability), and calls to 411 at no additional charge, for \$20 each month for qualified Lifeline customers. Like the SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline plan, the Straight Talk® plans offer vertical features for no additional cost, including voicemail, caller ID,

and call waiting. Furthermore, as with SafeLink Wireless®, there are no roaming or long distance charges. TracFone believes that by expanding its available Lifeline plan offerings in Washington to include the two Straight Talk® plans in addition to SafeLink Wireless®, low income individuals in Washington will be able to choose the plan that best meets their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Brecher', written over a horizontal line.

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