

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Motion of

VIRGIN MOBILE USA, L.P.

For Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier

DOCKET UT-100203

ORDER 03

GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND
ORDERS 01 AND 02 TO REFLECT
NAME CHANGE

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

- 1 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) originally designated Virgin Mobile USA, L.P., (Virgin Mobile or Company) as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) on November 10, 2010, in Order 01 in this Docket for the purpose of receiving Low Income Support from the federal Universal Service Fund. The Commission also granted the Company an exemption from WAC 480-123-030(1)(d), which requires the Company to file a substantive investment plan. The Commission imposed 21 conditions on Virgin Mobile's ETC designation to ensure it was consistent with the public interest, including a requirement that the Company seek renewal of its ETC status within one year. Those conditions are set forth in Appendix B to Order 01.
- 2 On November 14, 2011, Virgin Mobile filed a petition with the Commission to renew its designation as an ETC pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 and WAC 480-123; and, on October 16, 2014, in Order 02, the Commission granted an order renewing eligible telecommunications carrier designation and exemption from rule with amended conditions.
- 3 On March 9, 2020, the Company filed a motion to request that the Commission, pursuant to RCW 80.04.210 and WAC 480-07-875, amend Orders 01 and 02 to reflect a name change. Effective February 18, 2020, Virgin Mobile USA, L.P., became Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.
- 4 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the motion and recommends that the Commission grant it, noting that the Company states that this change in corporate organization will have no impact on its operations and will not impact the Company's commitments to abide by the federal and state laws and regulations governing its ETC status in Washington.

DISCUSSION

5 We agree with Staff's recommendation and grant the Company's motion. The
Company's name change to Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., simply aligns the name of
the legal entity with the familiar brand name that customers are already accustomed to.
Accordingly, Order 01 and Order 02 in this Docket are amended to reflect the Company's
name change.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (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)(2), 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201(b)-(c) and WAC 480-123-040.
- 7 (2) The Commission designated Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carriers on November 10, 2010. It currently provides
Lifeline services in the State of Washington.
- 8 (3) Virgin Mobile USA, L.P.'s name change will not materially impact its operation
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Washington.
- 9 (4) Virgin Mobile USA, L.P.'s motion to amend Order 01 and Order 02 in this
Docket to reflect its name change should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Commission grants Virgin Mobile USA, L.P.'s motion to amend Orders 01
and 02 in this Docket to reflect Virgin Mobile USA, L.P.'s name change.
Effective February 18, 2020, Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. will be the corporate
entity designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of
Washington.
- 11 (2) The Commission has authority to modify, suspend, or revoke Assurance Wireless
USA, L.P.'s (f/k/a Virgin Mobile USA, L.P.'s) Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier designation granted in this Order at a future date.

12 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective May 7, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary