

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-101060
)	
T-MOBILE WEST CORPORATION)	ORDER 03
)	
For Designation as an Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carrier and a)	
Temporary Partial Exemption from WAC)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
480-123-030(1)(g) and WAC 480-123-)	AMEND ORDERS 01 AND 02 TO
070(6))	REFLECT NAME CHANGE
.....)	

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

- 1 On June 10, 2010, T-Mobile West Corporation (T-Mobile, or the Company) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-123-020 through 040.
- 2 On October 14, 2010, the Commission granted T-Mobile’s petition for ETC designation in the exchanges listed in the Appendix to Order 01 for the purpose of receiving both High Cost support and Low Income support from the federal Universal Service Fund (USF).
- 3 On April 5, 2011, T-Mobile filed an amended description of its ETC designated service area in Washington. The Commission approved the amended description as listed in the revised Appendix to Order 02 on May 12, 2011.
- 4 On March 30, 2012, 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 an impending corporate reorganization in which, effective June 25, 2012, T-Mobile West Corporation will convert to and become T-Mobile West LLC. The Company states that this change in corporate organization will have no impact on the operations of T-Mobile in Washington, and will not impact T-Mobile’s commitments to abide by the federal and state laws and regulations governing its ETC status in Washington.
- 5 The Company states that it is important for the Commission to issue an order amending the prior ETC designation orders to recognize the company’s name change because T-

Mobile intends to use the new corporate name when it participates in the auction for Mobility Fund Phase I. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires an applicant for Mobility Fund Phase I to be the same entity designated by a state or the FCC as an ETC in that geographic area.¹

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 T-Mobile West Corporation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carriers on October 4, 2010. It currently provides service in the exchanges listed in the Revised Appendix to Order 02.
- 8 (3) T-Mobile West Corporation's corporate reorganization and its name change will not materially impact its operation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carriers in Washington.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The Commission grants T-Mobile West Corporation's motion to amend Orders 01 and 02 in this Docket to reflect T-Mobile West Corporation's name change. Effective June 25, 2012, T-Mobile West LLC will be the corporate entity designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Washington.
- 10 (2) The Commission has authority to modify, suspend, or revoke T-Mobile West Corporation's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation granted in this Order at a future date.

¹ *Mobility Fund Phase I Auction Scheduled for September 27, 2012 Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 901*, FCC Public Notice, DA 12-641 (rel., May 2, 2012), para. 93.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 14, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner