

**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-250813

ORDER 01

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

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 12, 2025, Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., fka Virgin Mobile USA L.P. (Assurance or Company) was granted an expanded lifeline-only eligible telecommunications carrier (LLO-ETC) designated service area by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Order 01 of Docket UT-250220, reflected as Appendix 1.
- 2 On October 24, 2025, Assurance filed an additional petition with the Commission requesting to further expand its LLO-ETC service area to include the exchanges and tribal areas listed in Exhibit A of this more recent petition filed in Docket UT-250813. 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 even more prospective customers, and so the Company seeks to further expand its LLO-ETC service area to match this expansion.
- 3 Assurance has also included Exhibit B in order to reflect its more recent minimum service packages for both tribal and non-tribal areas. It should be noted that the monthly data usage allowances (12GB and 10GB) respectively greatly exceed the FCC’s minimum service standard of 4.5GB, to the benefit of consumers.
- 4 Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed Assurance’s Petition and supporting documents. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the Company’s Petition (including Exhibit A explicitly).

DISCUSSION

- 5 We agree with Staff's recommendation and grant Assurance's Petition.
- 6 The newly defined designated service area that Assurance submitted on October 24, 2025, in Exhibit A of 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. as an LLO-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 November 20, 2025.
- 10 (4) After reviewing Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s Petition and giving due consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission grants Assurance's Petition (including Exhibit A explicitly) and allows the Company to expand its LLO-ETC designated service area effective November 21, 2025.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s Petition is granted, and Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. is allowed to expand its LLO-ETC designated service area as set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 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, November 20, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary