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WIRESLINE COMPETITION BUREAU APPROVES FURTHER REVISED COMPLIANCE PLAN OF AIRVOICE WIRELESS, LLC

WC Docket Nos. 11-42 and 09-197

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) hereby approves the further revised compliance plan¹ of AirVoice Wireless, LLC (AirVoice) filed pursuant to the requirements for the continued provision of Lifeline service.²

The Act provides that a carrier be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive universal service support.³ The Commission has required that all non-facilities based telecommunications carriers seeking Lifeline-only ETC designation must meet the following conditions: (1) compliance with certain 911 and enhanced 911 (E911) public safety requirements; and (2) Bureau approval of a compliance plan providing specific information regarding the carrier and its service offerings and outlining the measures the carrier will take to implement its obligations.⁴

The Bureau has clarified that any transfer of ownership or control of an ETC with an approved Lifeline compliance plan requires Commission approval in advance of the transaction.⁵ This includes renewing compliance plan approval for changes in the corporate ownership and control of the ETC.⁶

¹ See AirVoice Wireless, LLC Second Revised Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42 (filed Jan. 26, 2024) (AirVoice 2nd Revised Compliance Plan), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/101262771222352/1>; see also AirVoice Wireless, LLC Revised Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42 (filed May 17, 2021) (AirVoice Revised Compliance Plan), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10518342614357/1>; *Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Revised Compliance Plan of AirVoice Wireless, LLC*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 and 09-197, Public Notice, DA 21-1641 (rel. December 23, 2021), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-1641A1.pdf>.

² See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6816, paras. 379-380 (2012) (*2012 Lifeline Reform Order*); *In the Matter of Lifeline & Link Up Reform & Modernization*, 30 FCC Rcd 7818 (2015) (*2015 Lifeline Order*).

³ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(A).

⁴ See *2012 Lifeline Reform Order*, 27 FCC Rcd at 6814, 6819, paras. 373 and 389. Subsequently, the Bureau provided guidance for carriers submitting compliance plans pursuant to the *2012 Lifeline Reform Order*. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance for the Submission of Compliance Plans Pursuant to the Lifeline Reform Order*, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 2186 (WCB 2012).

⁵ *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Carriers of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation and Compliance Plan Approval Requirements for Receipt of Federal Universal Service Support*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 9144, 9145 (WCB 2014).

⁶ *Id.*

In accordance with this requirement, AirVoice submitted a modification to its most recently approved compliance plan⁷ to reflect an internal reorganization and to otherwise update AirVoice's Compliance Plan.⁸ The reorganization regards AirVoice's acquisition out of bankruptcy of TAG Mobile, which was previously approved by the Bureau.⁹ The Bureau has reviewed AirVoice's further modification for conformance with the relevant requirements and approves this update. AirVoice must continue to comply with any future additions to or amendments of the Lifeline program rules unless it has relinquished its relevant designation(s) pursuant to section 214(e)(4) of the Act.¹⁰

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⁷ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Revised Compliance Plan of AirVoice Wireless, LLC*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 and 09-197, Public Notice, DA 21-1641 (rel. December 23, 2021), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-1641A1.pdf>.

⁸ AirVoice 2nd Revised Compliance Plan at 3.

⁹ See *id.*; see also *Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Amended Compliance Plan of TAG Mobile, LLC*, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 and 09-197, Public Notice, DA 22-992 (rel. Sept. 21, 2022), https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-992A1_Rcd.pdf.

¹⁰ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4).