

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>ASSURANCE WIRELESS USA, L.P.,</b>	)	
to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier	)	Case No. U-15966
designated service area.	)	
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At the November 7, 2024 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair  
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On April 29, 2009, Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. (Virgin Mobile) filed an application pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the federal Communications Act of 1934 (FCA), 47 USC 214(e)(2), for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for access to universal service fund support for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline supported services to qualifying Michigan customers. On December 1, 2009, the Commission issued an order in this docket approving the application of Virgin Mobile as a Lifeline ETC (December 1 order).

On March 1, 2010, Virgin Mobile filed an amended application to amend or replace the existing ETC designation, to correct and expand the service area of its Lifeline service, and to enable Virgin Mobile's ETC designation to reflect its acquisition by Sprint Nextel Corporation, as a facilities-based wireless carrier. The Commission issued an order in this docket on March 18, 2010, approving the amended application. On March 24, 2020, Virgin Mobile filed a notice in this

docket indicating that on February 18, 2020, Virgin Mobile underwent a name change to become Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. (Assurance).

On September 23, 2024, Assurance filed an application pursuant to the FCA requesting approval to expand its ETC service area to include its entire wireless service area in Michigan (September 23 application). The proposed expansion areas are the wire centers listed in Exhibit 1 of the September 23 application. September 23 application, p. 2.

Assurance operates as an ETC under Study Area Code 319023. Assurance states that it meets applicable requirements, and it complies with the service requirements applicable to the Lifeline support that it receives. *Id.*, p. 3. Additionally, Assurance states that it will provide all services required by Section 54.101(a) of the Federal Communication Commission's rules, 47 CFR 54.101(a), throughout its expanded designated service area in the state of Michigan, including voice and broadband internet access. *Id.*

After reviewing Assurance's September 23 application, the Commission finds that the request to expand the service area will further the interest of the consumer and should be granted. All other aspects of the original December 1 order remain in effect.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application filed on September 23, 2024, by Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier service area to include all exchanges listed in Exhibit 1 to the application is approved.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at [LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at [sheacl@michigan.gov](mailto:sheacl@michigan.gov). In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

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Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

By its action of November 7, 2024.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary


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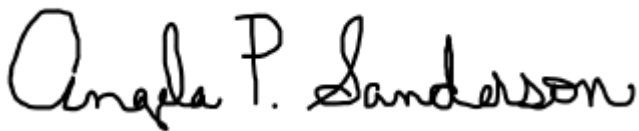
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on November 7, 2024 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).

  
Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.



Angela P. Sanderson  
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan  
As acting in Eaton County  
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2030

**Service List for Case: U-15966**

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