

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Total Call Mobile, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Cancellation / Application**

Case No. PU-16-769

ORDER ON ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION

March 1, 2017

Preliminary Statement

On December 18, 2013, the Commission issued an Order designating Total Call Mobile, Inc. (Total Call) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers in all study areas in North Dakota, Case No. PU-12-820.

On December 19, 2016, Total Call filed notice with the Commission to relinquish the ETC designation.

On January 4, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Comment providing until close of business on February 17, 2017 to receive comments. No comments were received.

Discussion

Total Call intends to relinquish its designation as an ETC due to changes in the wireless industry and proposed modifications to the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program.

Under 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. section 54.205, the Commission shall permit a carrier to relinquish its ETC designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the state commission shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The state commission shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the state commission approves such relinquishment under this section, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

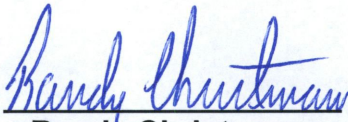
The Commission has reviewed the documents in this proceeding and finds that it has not been shown that customers served by the relinquishing carrier will not continue to be served by the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers. Total Call states that it has no customers in North Dakota.

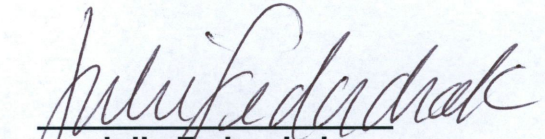
Order

The Commission orders that Total Call Mobile, Inc.'s relinquishment of its December 18, 2013 designation as an essential telecommunications carrier is permitted effective March 1, 2017.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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