



April 12, 2024

Steven Kahl
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505-0480
(701) 328-2400

Re: Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. – Application for ETC Designation; Docket No. PU-24-22

Dear Executive Director:

Attached please find an original and seven (7) copies of Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s Certification Relating to Order Provisions to accompany Assurance Wireless' Application Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of North Dakota. Please contact me if you have questions regarding the certification.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William A. Haas".

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Certification Relating to Order Provisions



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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-24-22

**Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.
CERTIFICATION RELATING TO ORDER PROVISIONS**

I am Robert Stanchina, a representative of Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. (Assurance) with authority to bind Assurance, and I certify that:

1. Assurance is seeking designation as a Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (Lifeline-Only ETC) for the coverage area designated in Exhibit 3, which may or may not exactly coincide with some or all incumbent telephone company wire centers within the state of North Dakota, exclusive of Tribal areas.
2. For the proposed designated area, Assurance understands and agrees to the conditions and criteria set forth in Chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-09-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code that pertain to Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (Lifeline Only ETC) , and Assurance will be responsible for compliance with this Certification, the Public Service Commission's order in this proceeding, and conditions and criteria set forth in the applicable federal and state laws and rules pertaining to Lifeline-Only ETCs.

The provision in Chapter 69-09-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code requiring the ETC to describe services in the "carrier's official telephone directory" is not applicable because Assurance has no such directory.

3. Assurance agrees to comply with all statements, processes and procedures set forth in its Application for designation as a Lifeline-Only ETC in the designated coverage area. Assurance agrees that all statements made, and matters set forth in its Application are true and correct to the best of Assurance's knowledge, information, and belief.
4. Assurance will use the federal low-income universal service support it receives only for the provision of services for which the support is intended.
5. Assurance meets all the prerequisites to be designated as a Lifeline-Only ETC throughout the proposed ETC Designated Area in this proceeding.
6. Assurance provides each of the services supported by federal universal service support mechanisms, specified in Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, and will offer these supported services in North Dakota upon designation as a Lifeline-Only ETC, including voice grade access, minutes of

use at no additional charge, access to emergency services and toll limitation services.

7. Assurance will provide service on a timely basis to requesting customers within the applicant's proposed designated service area.
8. Assurance will provide service within a reasonable period if the potential customer is within Assurance's proposed designated service area
9. Assurance will not seek Universal Service Fund high-cost support for any telephone exchanges in its designated service area in North Dakota.
10. Assurance will use all available means to ensure customers are eligible for the Lifeline program at the time of sign-up and recertification in accordance with the federal eligibility criteria in 47 C.F.R. § 54.409 and the relevant proof documentation specified in 47 C. F. R. § 54.410. Assurance will check the National Lifeline Accountability Database to prevent duplication and determine eligibility.
11. Assurance has taken, and will continue to take, steps to remain functional in emergency situations by: (1) maintaining a reasonable amount of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source; (2) maintaining the ability to re-route traffic around damaged facilities and to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations; and (3) establishing procedures for employees to follow in an emergency to prevent or minimize interruption or impairment of telecommunications services.
12. Assurance will meet or exceed applicable consumer protection and quality standards and will comply with the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association's (CTIA) Consumer Code for Wireless Service
13. Assurance will advertise the availability of the supported services detailed in its Application, and the corresponding rates and charges, in a manner designed to inform the general public within North Dakota. This advertising will occur through a combination of media channels, such as television and radio, newspaper, magazine and other print advertisements, outdoor advertising, direct marketing, and the Internet.
14. Assurance will offer the services described in its Application.
15. Assurance understands and agrees that if Assurance has not advertised its Lifeline services or signed up any North Dakota customers within 12 months of the effective date of Assurance's designation as a Lifeline-only ETC, the Public Service Commission may revoke Assurance Wireless' Lifeline-only ETC designation and Assurance Wireless may reapply to be designated as a Lifeline-only ETC In North Dakota.

16. Assurance will comply with all applicable annual reporting requirements associated with being an ETC in North Dakota including filing with the Public Service Commission a copy of the Form 555 and Form 481 filed the FCC, within 30 days of filing with the FCC.
17. Assurance understands and agrees that its ability to offer service is subject to suspension or revocation for failure to comply with the Public Service Commission's orders, or applicable statutes, rules, regulations, standards, and other authorizations.
18. Assurance agrees to maintain the records to demonstrate that Assurance has complied with the requirements of the Public Service Commission's order(s) and that Assurance will preserve records for three years demonstrating compliance for Public Service Commission inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice.
19. Assurance understands and agrees that, to the extent there are any conflicts or inconsistencies between Assurance's Application and the provisions in this Certification, the Certification provisions control.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2024.

Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.

By: *Robert Stanchina*
Robert Stanchina

Title: Senior Director