

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

DOCKET NO. UM 1668

In the Matter of

BOOMERANG WIRELESS, LLC,
dba ENTOUCH WIRELESS,

Application for Limited
Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications
Carrier and Eligible
Telecommunications Provider.

PETITION

Warm Springs Telecom
To Change Requested
Designation in UM 1668

**Warm Springs Telecom Requests To Withdraw Its Petition to Intervene in UM 1668
Warm Springs Telecom Requests To Be Listed As Interested Party in UM 1668**

On April 6, 2015, Warm Springs Telecom (WST) filed to intervene in UM 1668, the application by Boomerang Wireless, dba Entouch Wireless (“Boomerang”), to be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and Eligible Telecommunications Provider for the purpose for offering Lifeline services. At that time, WST felt that it was appropriate to intervene in this proceeding, as Boomerang planned to offer services on the Warm Springs Reservation, via the Warm Springs wire center. (See application, Exhibit G, page 6.) Since then, Boomerang removed these tribal lands from their list of proposed Designated Service Areas. After consulting with the party, and as they will no longer be serving any of the Warm Springs Reservation, it is appropriate for WST to remove the request to intervene in this proceeding.

However, this filing raises general issues that concern Warm Springs Telecom as a tribal telecom company, wholly owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and as such, we request to become an Interested Party to UM 1668.

As indicated in our initial filing, Warm Springs Telecom (WST) is a CLEC/ETC entirely owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, serving the reservation of the Tribes. WST presently receives Oregon Universal Service Funds and Tribal Lifeline. Our initial interest in this proceeding, was both the general ETC issues raised by Boomerang, as well as the issues of ETCs serving tribal lands and the issue of tribal engagement. The OPUC presently has an open docket (UM 1661) to change requirements for ETC designation in regard to both High Cost Support as well as Lifeline services. One of the contentious issues in the proceeding has been the issue of designating ETCs on tribal lands. WST contends that to serve tribal lands it is necessary to get tribal permission, via a tribal engagement process as indicated in the new FCC Lifeline rules (FCC 12-11). Boomerang supports our position and the parties have worked together to ensure that the language in the new rules reflects our mutual understandings. As WST no longer is concerned about Boomerang's ETC application, we have requested that our intent to Intervene in the UM 1661 docket be removed.

However, the process of ETC designation is still of great interest to Warm Springs Telecom. As such, WST would like to remain aware of the proceedings and other filings that may be made in this proceeding. To this end, we request to become an Interested Party to the UM 1661 docket.

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