

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1509

In the Matter of

i-wireless, LLC,

Application for Designation as an
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in
Oregon for the Purpose of Offering
Lifeline Service to Qualified Households.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TERM GRANTED; ORDER
NO. 15-300, ORDER NO. 23-048, AND ORDER NO. 23-226,
FURTHER AMENDED

On June 26, 2024, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a motion on behalf of the parties to this docket indicating that, consistent with Order No. 23-048 and Order No. 15-300, the parties have conferred on the best interests at issue, and unanimously agreed to extend the terms of Paragraphs 40.1 and 40.2 of the stipulation for an additional period of twelve months, through July 1, 2025.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority to modify timelines specified in a Commission order.¹ Exercising that authority, I find good cause to amend Order No. 15-300, consistent with the parties' determinations as outlined in the stipulation. Paragraphs 40.1 and 40.2 of Order No. 15-300 as amended by Order No. 23-048, and Order No. 23-226, are further amended, as follows:

40.1 For the ~~twenty-four~~thirty-six-month period from July 1, 2022 to ~~July 1, 2024~~ July 1, 2025 ("Initial ~~24~~36-month period"), i-wireless shall offer the OTAP-supported service for Lifeline-only service plans and may seek compensation from the State of Oregon as provided in OAR Chapter 860, Division 33 for the OTAP-supported service for Lifeline-only service plans. During this Initial ~~24~~36-month period, when i-wireless receives compensation from the State of Oregon pursuant to OAR 860-033-0045, i-

¹ See *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon*, Docket No. CD 26, Order No. 23-321, Appendix E (Sept. 6, 2023).

wireless will provide applicants approved for Oregon Lifeline-only service with the option to receive a free handset. During the Initial ~~2436-month~~ period, i-wireless will accept online applications for service in Oregon without requiring the applicant to provide handset information, such as an IMEI number. i-wireless may request compensation for the State of Oregon monthly support amount of \$10.00 per customer under OAR 860-033-0045 during this time, provided it meets the minimum service standards of OAR 860-033-0035(1)(c). The requirement to offer unlimited data in OAR 860-033-0035 (1)(c) shall be waived during the Initial ~~2436-~~ month period provided i-wireless provides a monthly 5 GB of data and unlimited talk and text to a customer. The parties support this waiver as appropriate and in the public interest.

40.2 In the event i-wireless decides, at its discretion, during the Initial ~~2436-~~ month period, not to offer the OTAP-supported service for Lifeline-only service plans and will not seek compensation from the State of Oregon pursuant to OAR 860-033-0045 for reasons including but not limited to a federal Minimum Service Standards increase or for economic reasons that impact costs in such a way that makes it impracticable to continue to offer a free handset, the Company will provide 60 days' advance written notice to the Stipulating Parties that identifies the reason(s) for the decision.

The remaining provisions of Order No. 15-300 and Order No. 23-048 remain unchanged.

Jun 26, 2024

Made, entered, and effective _____.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Lackey".

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.