

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0413T

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BOOMERANG WIRELESS, LLC DBA ENTOUCH WIRELESS SEEKING PARTIAL RELINQUISHMENT OF ITS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ON A WIRELESS BASIS (LOW-INCOME ONLY) IN A CERTAIN SERVICE AREA PREVIOUSLY SERVED BY UNDERLYING CARRIER VERIZON WIRELESS.

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**COMMISSION DECISION APPROVING  
PARTIAL RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION**

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Mailed Date: September 28, 2023

Adopted Date: September 20, 2023

**I. STATEMENT**

**A. Summary**

1. This Decision addresses Boomerang Wireless, LLC's (Boomerang) Notice of Partial Discontinuance of Service and Request for Commission Acknowledgement of Discontinuance (Notice) filed on August 14, 2023. We acknowledge the Notice and approve the partial discontinuance of service and relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation in the Boomerang Colorado service area with service provided by the underlying carrier, Verizon Wireless. This request is made pursuant to Rule 4 CCR 723-2-2186(h), with further details below.

**B. Background**

2. Boomerang was granted an ETC Lifeline-only designation in Proceeding No. 12A-954T, Decision No. R13-0443 that was issued on April 17, 2013, allowing the provision of

services in specifically designated wire centers from underlying facilities-based providers, including Verizon Wireless, Sprint, and T-Mobile.

3. On February 15, 2023, in Proceeding No. 23A-0023T, with Decision No. C23-0098, the Commission approved the expansion of Boomerang's service area to include the post-merger T-Mobile service area.

4. As a result of the new MVNO (Mobile Virtual Network Operator) arrangement, Boomerang no longer utilizes the Verizon Wireless network as an underlying carrier. Boomerang will continue to use the T-Mobile network, which, after its merger with Sprint Network, includes an expanded service area.

5. Boomerang has provided the list of zip codes for which it is requesting partial relinquishment. Approximately ten (10) subscribers in the former Verizon Wireless service area will be impacted. Impacted subscribers will have the option of porting their services to Boomerang's alternate underlying carrier, in the zip codes where the alternative carrier is available or transfer their services to an ETC provider in their area. Alternatively, if the subscribers do not port their services to either of the options above, services will be disconnected on October 20, 2023.

6. The application represents that the Verizon Wireless service area is currently served by more than one ETC, an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, and multiple wireless ETC providers. A list of alternative providers was included with the application listed as Exhibit B.

7. Boomerang will send each affected Lifeline subscriber notices 60 days, 45 days, 30 days, 15 days, and five (5) days, beginning on August 21, 2023. Boomerang's impacted

subscribers will receive multiple notices via text messages, mail, and possibly also follow up with phone calls/messages and or emails.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. No timely objections, protests, or interventions have been filed, so a Commission hearing is not necessary.

2. The application filed by Boomerang Wireless, LLC on August 14, 2023, concerning its discontinuance of certain areas included in its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation included in its authority granted in Decision No. R13-0443, augmented with areas added in Decision No. C23-0098 is acknowledged and granted by this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective on its mailed date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
September 20, 2023.**

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Director

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