

Decision No. C23-0098

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0023T

IN THE MATTER OF BOOMERANG WIRELESS, LLC D/B/A ENTOUCH WIRELESS
PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
ON A WIRELESS BASIS FOR (LOW-INCOME ONLY) SERVICE AREA.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING MOTION TO
AMEND SERVICE TERRITORY**

Mailed Date: February 15, 2023
Adopted Date February 15, 2023

I. STATEMENT

A. Summary

1. On January 3, 2023, Boomerang Wireless, LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless (Boomerang) filed a Petition to Amend its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Service Territory. The Motion requests approval to provide Lifeline service to additional qualifying Colorado households, specifically expanding its ETC designated service area to allow Boomerang to provide Lifeline services where its underlying facilities-based provider, T-Mobile, has wireless coverage, exhibit A.

B. Background

2. On April 17, 2013, the Commission designated Boomerang as a Lifeline-only ETC by Commission Decision No. R12-1438-, for the purpose of receiving federal low-income Universal Service Fund (USF).

3. Boomerang, operating as a reseller, currently is authorized to provide service throughout the coverage areas of Sprint, Verizon Wireless, and T-Mobile. T-Mobile recently acquired Sprint, and now Boomerang makes this request to ensure its coverage areas include the full footprint of the new T-Mobile network, subsequent to the merger between Sprint and T-Mobile.

C. Petition to Amend

1. In its Petition, Boomerang requests to amend its current ETC designation to include all coverage areas set forth in its filed Exhibit “A,” including all the post-merger T-Mobile service areas (identified with zip codes).

2. On February 1, 2023, Boomerang filed a supplement to its Petition clarifying its proposed additional service areas for Lifeline only service. This included amending its proposed service area map, including a listing of the existing approved service areas via zip codes and the requested expansion areas.

3. As well, Boomerang is seeking a waiver of Rule 2187(d)(II), which requires a description of the service area by either metes and bounds or providing an underlying carrier exchange area map. Boomerang is asking this Commission to accept the underlying carrier’s wireless networks (T-Mobile, Sprint, and Verizon Wireless) updated map and zip codes identifying the requested expanded service area, including those zip codes partially served within the areas. Boomerang represents that the wireless networks do not precisely correlate with the metes and bounds, or wireline exchange description as required by Rule 2187(d)(III). We agree, and therefore grant the waiver request.

4. When it comes to amending Boomerang’s service territory, the Commission finds that for the reasons put forth in Boomerang’s Petition, it is in the public interest to amend Boomerang’s ETC service territory as requested. The territory amendment will increase the number of low-income individuals that can benefit from access to Lifeline services, wholly or discounted wireless voice and broadband services.

5. We reiterate that Boomerang must continue to comply with all applicable Commission rules, including, but not limited to, remitting its CHCSM, TRS, 988, and E911 surcharges for the entirety of its ETC service areas.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The request for waiver of Rule 4 CCR 723-2-2187(d)(II) related to the description of the service territory, with the submission of service area zip codes and map, is granted.

2. The Petition requesting an amendment of Boomerang Wireless, LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless, Eligible Telecommunications Carrier service territory filed on January 3, 2023, (and amended on February 1, 2023) expanding the provision of Lifeline-only services, is granted.

3. This Petition does not alter the requirements and filing obligations set forth in Decision No. R13-0443.

4. This Decision is effective on its mailed date.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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G. Harris Adams,
Interim Director

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