

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Status of Surety Wireless

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File No. RD-2018-0350

**ORDER PERMITTING RELINQUISHMENT
OF DESIGNATION AS ETC**

Issue Date: June 18, 2018

Effective Date: June 18, 2018

On May 24, 2018, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a motion to cancel the wireless Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) designation of Assurance Home Phone Services, Inc. d/b/a Surety Wireless. On May 30, 2018, Staff filed an amended motion and attached correspondence from Surety Wireless counsel requesting the withdrawal of its ETC designation granted in Commission File No. RA-2011-0298.¹ Surety Wireless indicated that it would no longer be doing business in the state of Missouri effective May 31, 2018.

The Commission does not have specific rules concerning relinquishing ETC authority but relies on 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4), which states, in part,

A State commission . . . shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission...of such relinquishment. . . .

¹ Amended Motion to Cancel Certificate of Service Authority, Attachment A.

In its correspondence, Surety Wireless indicated that it sent notice to all of its subscribers in Missouri and that those consumers will have multiple options for alternative wireless service providers, including Safelink Wireless, Assist Wireless, Assurance Wireless, and Boomerang Wireless. Additionally, Staff stated in its original motion that the Commission should allow the relinquishment of ETC designation in accordance with 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4). Further, the Commission provided notice to all ETCs in the state of Surety Wireless's request to relinquish its designation and no responses or requests for intervention were filed.

Based on the Staff's recommendation and the attached correspondence, the Commission finds that Surety Wireless shall be permitted to relinquish its ETC designation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Assurance Home Phone Services, Inc. d/b/a Surety Wireless is permitted to relinquish the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation granted in File No. RA-2011-0298.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.

3. This case shall close on June 19, 2018.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of June, 2018.