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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Chief, Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: <u>TracFone Wireless, Inc. - Case No. 97-632-TP-COI</u>

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed please find an original and fifteen copies of the TracFone Wireless, Inc's Notice of Change in Lifeline Service. I have also included an additional copy to be date-stamped and returned in the enclosed envelope.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this submission.

Sincerely,

Debra McGuire Mercer

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Enclosures

cc (via electronic mail):

Jay Agranoff Jennifer Reed

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission)	
Investigation of the Intrastate Universal)	Case No. 97-632-TP-COI
Service Discounts)	

TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC.'S NOTICE OF CHANGE IN LIFELINE SERVICE

TracFone Wireless, Inc. ("TracFone"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Commission of a change in its SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline service. When TracFone filed its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier with this Commission in September 2008, it stated that Lifeline customers would be allowed to purchase special low volume usage cards in denominations of \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00, at a rate of \$0.20 per minute. By this Notice, TracFone advises the Commission that it will not be offering these cards in Ohio or in any other state because TracFone encountered difficulties in securing commitments from retail vendors to sell the low volume cards at their retail locations.

Rather than offering special low volume cards to Lifeline customers, TracFone's Lifeline customers will be able to purchase any TracFone prepaid airtime card products and use those airtime cards to add minutes to their handsets. For any TracFone prepaid airtime card that reflects a per minute rate of more than \$0.20, when a SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline customer activates the card, the number of minutes will be adjusted to provide the \$0.20 per minute rate to that customer. For example, if a customer purchases a 60 minute card for \$19.99 (a per minute rate of \$0.33), TracFone's proprietary software will automatically detect that the airtime card is being purchased by a customer whose telephone number is associated with a SafeLink Wireless® Lifeline account and will automatically add 40 minutes so that the customer receives a total of 100 minutes. Therefore, TracFone's Lifeline customers will pay a maximum of \$0.20

per minute for additional airtime minutes, without regard to the quantity of minutes purchased. This arrangement is being utilized in lieu of the low volume usage cards initially proposed. The number of minutes that a Lifeline customer will receive with each purchase of a TracFone prepaid minutes card is disclosed in the SafeLink Wireless® terms and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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