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

Re: TracFone Wireless, Inc. – Notice of Revised Lifeline Service Offerings
Case Number 10-0614-TP-UNC

Dear Madam/Sir:

Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Commission’s Supplemental Finding and Order conditionally designating TracFone Wireless, Inc. (“TracFone”) as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, TracFone hereby provides notice to the Commission of a change in its terms and conditions of service offered to its SafeLink Wireless®, Straight Talk®, and Total Wireless™ Lifeline customers. Commencing December 1, 2020, TracFone’s Lifeline service customers who receive Lifeline service under any of the foregoing three brands will receive the following monthly benefit plan at no charge: 350 airtime minutes, unlimited text messaging and 4.5 GB of mobile broadband data.

TracFone’s Lifeline benefit plan complies with Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Lifeline rules which require Lifeline service providers to meet the monthly minimum service standard for mobile broadband data service to receive federal Lifeline support in the amount of \$9.25 per month. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.403. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.408(b)(2), the minimum service standard for mobile broadband data commencing December 1, 2020 is calculated using a mechanism set forth in the rules. Under that mechanism, the FCC calculated the minimum service standard for mobile broadband data to be 11.75 GB.¹ However, the FCC released an Order on November 16, 2020, in which it found that “there is good cause to waive the Commission’s rule to the standard above 4.5 GB/month as of December 1, 2020.”² Therefore, starting December 1, 2020, the FCC’s minimum service standard for mobile broadband data is 4.5 GB.

¹ *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Updated Lifeline Minimum Service Standards and Indexed Budget Amount*, Public Notice, DA 20-820 (July 31, 2020).

² *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 *et al.*, Order, DA 20-1358, ¶ 9 (Nov. 16, 2020).

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If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Athanson, Senior Attorney - Regulatory for TracFone, at (305) 715-3613 or sathanson@tracfone.com or undersigned counsel for TracFone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Debra McGuire Mercer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra McGuire Mercer

cc: Stephen Athanson

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