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### **VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

Office of Administration Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: <u>In the Matter of Petition of AT&T Ohio Seeking to Relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in the Remainder of its Service Territory; Case No. 21-917-TP-UNC</u>

#### Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find the Response of i-wireless, LLC ("i-wireless" or the "Company") in response to the Commission's November 3, 2021 Order concerning AT&T Ohio's relinquishment of its eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designation in the remainder of its service territory.

If you have any questions, or if we may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lance J.M. Steinhart

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**Enclosures** 

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	
AT&T OHIO SEEKING TO RELINQUISH	)	
ITS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
CARRIER DESIGNATION IN THE	)	
REMAINDER OF ITS SERVICE TERRITORY	j	Case No. 21-917-TP-UNC

#### **RESPONSE OF I-WIRELESS, LLC**

i-wireless, LLC ("i-wireless" or the "Company"), by its undersigned counsel, files these responses as directed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (the "Commission") November 3, 2021 Entry, requiring i-wireless to respond on or before November 23, 2021, indicating whether it can ensure that all customers served by The Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Ohio (AT&T Ohio) in its respective service area will continue to be served and provided with the federal Lifeline discount, if the customer is eligible, in the event that the Commission grants AT&T Ohio's request to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designation in the remainder of its service territory in Ohio. Additionally, the Commission asks i-wireless to identify whether such Lifeline service will be provided on a wireline or wireless and facilities or resale basis as well as identify the Company's underlying carrier(s). Further, i-wireless is asked to identify the portions of AT&T Ohio's proposed relinquishment area that they will continue to serve as an ETC as well as identify the offered service(s) subject to the Lifeline discount.

i-wireless was originally granted ETC status by the Commission on November 22, 2011, throughout the service areas approved in Case No. 11-571-TP-UNC. i-wireless offers Lifeline service to consumers by using the underlying wireless network of Sprint (soon to be transitioning to the network of T-Mobile because of the FCC-approved merger between Sprint and T-Mobile). The Company's Lifeline service includes voice, text and data.

It is i-wireless' intent to continue to make available its wireless Lifeline service with the federal discount to its current subscribers and all qualifying applicants that it is able to serve. i-wireless confirms that it can continue to serve the exchanges in AT&T Ohio's proposed relinquishment area where it is designated as an ETC.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further or have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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