

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas,
LLC, Petition to Relinquish Its Designations as
an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Under
47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2)

Docket No. 25-USCZ-367-ETC

**NOTICE OF LETTER OF T-MOBILE US, INC., IN SUPPORT OF USCOC OF
NEBRASKA/KANSAS, LLC'S PETITION TO RELINQUISH ETC STATUS**

COMES NOW T-Mobile US, Inc., and files herewith its letter expressing support for the relief sought by USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas LLC ("UScellular"), in this docket.

1. For the reasons stated in the attached letter, T-Mobile US, Inc., expresses its support for the relief sought by UScellular in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was served via electronic mail this 29th day of April, 2025 to the parties appearing on the Commission's service list as last modified on March 31, 2025.

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Celeste Chaney-Tucker, Executive Director
Kansas Corporation Commission
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RE: T-Mobile's Acquisition and Seamless Transition of UScellular's Customers

Dear Executive Director Chaney-Tucker:

As you may be aware, T-Mobile US, Inc. ("T-Mobile") is in the process of completing an acquisition of United States Cellular Corporation's ("UScellular") wireless operations, customers and select spectrum assets (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is currently pending approval from the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"),¹ and while T-Mobile cannot predict the timing or outcome of the FCC's proceeding, it believes that approval and consummation of the Transaction could occur by mid-2025.

T-Mobile is the second largest wireless carrier in the United States, serving 130.9 million customers.² Through its retail stores, third-party distributors, and websites, T-Mobile offers wireless voice and data services, as well as a wide selection of wireless devices and accessories, to residential and business customers in the United States—including the state of Kansas. After closing of the Transaction, T-Mobile will integrate UScellular's customers and assets into its own network and operations.

In Kansas, T-Mobile, through Assurance Wireless, USA. L.P. ("Assurance Wireless"), is an authorized Lifeline-only provider. T-Mobile intends to facilitate a seamless transition of UScellular Lifeline customers at closing of the Transaction. No UScellular Lifeline customer will be impacted by the transition of assets from UScellular to T-Mobile – UScellular's Lifeline customers will not need to take any action to retain their discount as they will continue on their current plans.

¹ See T-Mobile and UScellular, *Description of Transaction, Public Interest Statement, and Related Demonstrations*, GN Docket No. 24-286 (Sept. 13, 2024), available at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/109132166915081/10> ("FCC Public Interest Statement"); see also *Public Interest Statement to the FCC*, UScellular (Sept. 16, 2024), available at <https://newsroom.uscellular.com/public-interest-statement> ("As we state in the filing, we firmly believe that this transaction will result in customers of both companies experiencing significant benefits from increased network capacity, higher speeds, reduced congestion and improved service, particularly, in rural parts of the country. Additionally, following the sale, UScellular customers will have the flexibility to switch to a lower-cost T-Mobile plan or stay on their current UScellular rate plan, all while enjoying a world-class 5G network.").

² T-Mobile is a publicly traded Delaware corporation headquartered in Bellevue, Washington.

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After closing of the Transaction, Assurance Wireless plans to contact each of these customers regarding their options going forward, including the option to migrate to Assurance Wireless. Lifeline customers will have the option to remain on their current UScellular Lifeline plan, transition to an Assurance Wireless plan, or move to another provider. T-Mobile notes that it does have eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") status in Kansas. Once the transaction is complete, T-Mobile intends to seek expanded ETC designation from the Commission to encompass UScellular's customer footprint to the extent necessary. T-Mobile urges the Commission to consider waiving any rules that would restrict Assurance from being designated throughout the state, which would allow Assurance Wireless to serve as many Lifeline customers as possible.

T-Mobile looks forward to working with UScellular customers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teri Ohta".

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