

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER APPROVING PARTIAL
BOOMERANG WIRELESS LLC DBA ENTOUCH)	RELINQUISHMENT OF
WIRELESS SEEKING PARTIAL)	DESIGNATION AS AN
RELINQUISHMENT OF DESIGNATION AS AN)	ELIGIBLE
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ON A WIRELESS BASIS (LOW-INCOME ONLY))	CARRIER; ORDER
IN A CERTAIN SERVICE AREA PREVIOUSLY)	ELIMINATING UNDERLYING
SERVED BY UNDERLYING CARRIER VERIZON)	CARRIER; ORDER WAIVING
WIRELESS AND REMOVAL OF VERIZON)	ARSD 20:10:32:48(1)
WIRELESS AS AN UNDERLYING CARRIER)	
)	TC23-048

On October 17, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Boomerang Wireless LLC dba enTouch Wireless (Boomerang) seeking partial relinquishment of designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the service area served by underlying carrier Verizon Wireless. Boomerang states it no longer utilizes the Verizon Wireless network as an underlying carrier. As a result of these changes approximately 14 subscribers in the former Verizon Wireless service area will be impacted, though none of the impacted subscribers reside in the proposed relinquished service area. Boomerang states if the impacted subscribers do not port their service to a Boomerang alternate underlying carrier or transfer service to another ETC designated service provider, they will be de-enrolled from Lifeline and services will be disconnected December 15, 2023.

On October 19, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 3, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No parties sought intervention. On December 5, 2023, Boomerang responded to staff’s data requests. On December 15, 2023, Commission staff filed its Memorandum.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254, 47 C.F.R. § 54, SDCL Chapter 49-31, and ARSD 20:10:32:48.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 19, 2023, the Commission considered these matters. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Boomerang’s application for partial relinquishment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier on a wireless basis (low-income only) in the service area previously served only by underlying carrier Verizon Wireless and eliminate Verizon Wireless as underlying carrier for Boomerang Wireless, effective December 31, 2023, and grant a waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:48(1) as it relates to service of the petition on each local service provider in the area in which Boomerang seeks relinquishment. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Boomerang’s application for partial relinquishment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier on a wireless basis (low-income only) in the service area previously served only by underlying carrier Verizon Wireless is approved, effective December 31, 2023. It is further

ORDERED, that Verizon Wireless is eliminated as underlying carrier for Boomerang Wireless, effective December 31, 2023. It is further

ORDERED, that ARSD 20:10:32:48(1) as it relates to service of the petition on each local service provider in the area in which Boomerang seeks relinquishment, is waived.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of December 2023.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u> <i>And M. Riss</i> </u>
Date: <u> 12/21/2023 </u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner