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December 1, 2021

Linda Bridwell, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Via E-mail (PSCED@ky.gov)

Re: Notice of Acquisition of TracFone by Verizon

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Pursuant to the direction¹ of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") and TracFone Wireless, Inc. ("TracFone") hereby notify the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky of the acquisition of TracFone by Verizon from América Móvil, S.A.B. de C.V. The Federal Communications Commission approved the transfer of control on November 22, 2021 ("FCC Order")², and the transaction closed shortly thereafter. TracFone is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon.

There will be no loss or reduction in service for TracFone's customers. In fact, the transaction will benefit underserved consumers in Kentucky and nationwide because it allows Verizon and TracFone to better serve customers in the wireless prepaid segment. Consistent with the FCC Order, Verizon will maintain TracFone's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") status and will continue to offer Lifeline service through TracFone for at least seven years over the same service area. TracFone will also continue to operate consistent with the PSC's Order³ granting TracFone ETC status for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline and Link Up service to qualified Kentucky households.

While the majority of TracFone customers are currently on Verizon's network, Verizon will maintain TracFone's existing MVNO agreements if necessary to serve customers outside our network coverage for at least three years. Additionally, over that same period and before any TracFone Lifeline customer is required to transition to Verizon's network, Verizon will offer at no cost a compatible device with comparable functionality and/or SIM replacement to that customer if the customer's existing device is not compatible with the Verizon network. These commitments, and

¹ See Order, *In re Exemptions For Providers of Local Exchange Service Other Than Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Case No. 370, 1998 Ky. PUC LEXIS 319 (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n Jan. 8, 1998).

² Memorandum Opinion and Order, *In re Verizon Communs.*, GN Docket No. 21-112, 2021 FCC LEXIS 4411 (F.C.C. November 22, 2021).

³ Order, *In re Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Case No. 2009-00100, 2010 Ky. PUC LEXIS 1333 (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n November 24, 2010).

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others detailed in the FCC Order, have been put in place to ensure the acquisition is in the public interest.

Thank you for updating our company records. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this Notice.

Yours sincerely,



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