

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Public Services Commission

IN RE)	
)	Docket No. 623
TELRITE CORPORATION D/B/A LIFE WIRELESS)	Order No. <u>25</u> /2014
PETITION FOR LIFELINE ONLY ELIGIBLE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION)	
IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS)	
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2013, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter "the Commission" or "PSC") received an application from Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless (hereinafter "Telrite") requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the United States Virgin Islands for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service to qualified households; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2013, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") has over the past several years expressed concern with growing costs of the Universal Service Fund, including the provision of Lifeline services through both landline and wireless telephone services; and

WHEREAS, the FCC has taken action concerning an investigation into Telrite's operations in other jurisdictions, and has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to Telrite; and

WHEREAS, the FCC's action raised issues concerning both the continuing eligibility of Telrite and its financial ability to meet the requirements for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Telrite still poses the right to seek review and/or reconsideration of the FCC's action in the issuance of the Notice of Apparent Liability; and

WHEREAS, after and deliberation and review of Telrite's application the Commission voted to **SUSPEND** Telrite's Petition pending Telrite's action in response to the Federal Communication Commission's Notice of Liability; and


NOW THEREFORE, the Commission finds and **ORDERS** that:

1. Telrite's Petition is **SUSPENDED** pending Telrite's action in response to the FCC's Notice of Liability.
2. Telrite files a report with this Commission no later than March 19, 2014.
3. If Telrite determines not to appeal, Telrite should file a copy of the payment receipt with a statement detailing the financial arrangements.

4. Following these actions, and review by our technical consultants including any discovery, the matter should be rescheduled.

So Ordered.

For the Commission



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M. Thomas Jackson, Chairman

Date: January 27, 2014