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Absolute Home Phones, Inc. Docket No. 090426-TX

Attachments: FL ETC Updated Applicant Certification Filing.pdf

To whom it may concern:

Attached please find for filing Absolute Home Phones, Inc.'s updated applicant certification.

\*\*Please acknowledge receipt via return e-mail.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Kind regards,

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RE: Absolute Home Phones, Inc. Docket No. 090426-TX

Dear Ms. Salak:

Pursuant to your email dated May 18, 2011, enclosed please find an updated applicant certification form for Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq.

Attorney for Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

Enclosures
Mr. Chris Peltier

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#### **APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

State of Florida County of Marion

My name is Chris Pettier, I am employed by Absolute Home Phones, Inc., located at 3562 S.W. 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road, Ocala, FL 34471 as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to provide the following certifications on behalf of the Company. This certification is being given to support the wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier petition filed by my Company with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC).

### Company hereby certifies the following:

- 1. Company will follow all Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Rules, and Florida PSC Orders relating to Universal Service, Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, and the Florida Link-Up and Lifeline Program.
- 2. Company will follow all FCC rules, FCC Orders, and regulations contained in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 regarding Universal Service, ETCs. Link-Up and Lifeline, and toll limitation service.
- 3. Company agrees that the Florida PSC may revoke a carrier's ETC designation for good cause after notice and opportunity for hearing, for violations of any applicable Florida Statutes. Florida Administrative Rules, Florida PSC Orders, failure to fulfill requirements of Sections 214 or 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, or if the PSC determines that it is no longer in the public interest for the company to retain ETC designation.
- 4. Company understands that if its petition for ETC designation is approved, it will be for limited ETC designation to provide landline-only Link-Up, Lifeline, and toll-limitation service, and the Company will be eligible only to receive low-income support from the Universal Service Fund.
- 5. Company understands that if its petition for ETC designation is found to be in the public interest and approved by the PSC, it is based upon the information provided to the PSC in its petition. If there is a future change of company ownership, the company understands that the new owners must file a petition with the PSC prior to the change of ownership and make a showing of public interest to maintain the ETC designation.
- 6. Company understands that it may only receive reimbursement from the Universal Service Administrative company (USAC) for active customer Link-Up and Lifeline access lines which are provided using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and access lines obtained as wholesale local platform lines (formerly UNE lines) from another carrier. The Company shall not apply to USAC for reimbursement of any Link-Up and Lifeline access lines obtained from an underlying carrier which already receive a Lifeline and/or Link-Up credit provided by the underlying carrier.
- 7. Company understands that the PSC shall have access to all books of account, records and property of all eligible telecommunications carriers. Company agrees to maintain records

to document compliance with all federal and state requirements governing the Lifeline/Link-Up programs for as long as the consumer receives Lifeline service plus three years.

- 8. Company understands that low income support reimbursed by USAC for toll limitation service is available only for the incremental costs that are associated exclusively with toll limitation service.
- 9. Company understands that Lifeline certification forms must be signed by applicants confirming that they participate in a qualifying Lifeline-eligible program prior to that customer being enrolled in the Florida Lifeline program. If a Lifeline applicant uses income-based eligibility, the company will require documents showing proof of income before customer eligibility is granted.
- 10. Company agrees that it will not file a request for any low-income reimbursement at USAC without having customer-signed Lifeline certification applications on file at its office supporting amounts requested on USAC's Form 497.
- 11. Company agrees that upon request, it will submit to the PSC a copy of Form 497 forms filed with USAC, along with supporting signed customer Lifeline certifications to:

Florida Public Service Commission Division of Regulatory Analysis. Market Practices Section 2540 Shumard Oak Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

12. Company understands that in accordance with the Florida Lifeline program, eligible customers will receive a \$13.50 monthly discount on their phone bills, \$3.50 of which is provided by the ETC, and \$10.00 of which is reimbursable from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

I am aware that pursuant to Section 837.06, F.S., whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Signature

Date

5/18/11

Chris Peltier Printed Name

**Business Address:** 

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