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STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN RE:
READY WIRELESS, LLC,)
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Petitioner,)
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vs.) Docket No. 13-0539
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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION,)
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Application for a certificate)
of Authority to operate as a)
wireless carrier-reseller)
throughout the State of)
Illinois.)

Met pursuant to notice on the 4th day of November, A.D. 2013.

Before the HONORABLE JOHN RILEY

APPEARANCES:
JONES WALKER LAW FIRM, by
J. ANDREW GIBSON
On behalf of the Petitioner;
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION, by
MR. JOHN RILEY
On behalf of the Respondent.

1 THE COURT: Pursuant to the direction of the
2 Illinois Commerce Commission, I call Docket No. 130539.
3 This is an application by Ready Wireless, LLC for
4 certificate of authority to operate as a wireless
5 carrier-reseller throughout the State of Illinois.

6 Mr. Gibson, one thing, would you enter an
7 appearance stating your name and office address for the
8 record?

9 MR. GIBSON: Yes, Your Honor. J. Andrew
10 Gibson. The Jones Walker Law Firm, 190 East Capital
11 Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 And at this time did you have a witness that
14 you wanted to call in support of the application?

15 MR. GIBSON: Yes, Your Honor. I would call
16 Mr. James P. Jim Belvanz of Ready Wireless.

17 (Witness sworn.)

18 WHEREUPON:

19 JAMES P. BELVANZ,
20 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
21 sworn, was examined and testified telephonically as
22 follows:

23 EXAMINATION

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1 BY THE COURT:

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Gibson, you can lead off with
4 any questions you may have for the witness.

5 BY MR. GIBSON:

6 Q. Thank you, Your Honor.

7 Mr. Belvanz, would you please just give
8 us background on the application? What you're request
9 for or requesting here and the reason for doing so?

10 A. Yes. Ready Wireless is a wholly owned
11 subsidiary of HH Ventures. There is another wholly
12 owned subsidiary of HH Ventures, that is named
13 Boomerang Wireless. The -- Up until recently, all the
14 Telcom financial transactions went through Boomerang.

15 We are formally rearranging the
16 operations of Ready Wireless and Boomerang so Boomerang
17 Wireless will now become the sole provider of lifeline
18 brand services for HH Ventures. And Ready Wireless is
19 going to provide the entire non-lifeline type services
20 for consolidating HH Ventures.

21 Therefore, we need to make application
22 for Ready Wireless to be able to provide those
23 telecommunications -- wireless telecommunications on
24 non-lifeline services in all the states; Illinois being

1 one of them.

2 Q. Thank you. And for the record your position
3 with Ready Wireless is chief financial officer,
4 correct?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. And is it also correct that Ready Wireless
7 does not intend to seek ETC status in the State of
8 Illinois?

9 A. That is correct.

10 MR. GIBSON: Thank you. Your Honor.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY THE COURT:

13 Q. Thank you.

14 Mr. Belvanz, just -- state for the
15 record that I have some general questions about the
16 company itself and about the background and history.
17 There will be no questions with regard to the technical
18 financial or managerial resources and ability that is
19 prohibited by the Federal Telecommunications Act of
20 1996, and it would be considered a barrier to entry.

21 None of the questions that I will ask
22 are intended to operate as a barrier of -- to entry
23 into the market place for Ready Wireless. But just to
24 begin, it states on the application that Ready Wireless

1 is a applying for resold wireless services.

2 Is that prepaid or non-prepaid?

3 A. It will be both, prepaid and postpaid.

4 Q. Does the applicant currently have or has it
5 had in the past a certificate from the Illinois
6 Commerce Commission?

7 A. Ready Wireless has not.

8 Q. Has it provided service under any other name
9 in Illinois?

10 A. I believe we provided service under Boomerang
11 Wireless.

12 Q. And what is the relationship now with
13 Boomerang?

14 A. Boomerang is a wholly owned subsidiary of HH
15 Ventures, LLC, and Ready Wireless is also wholly owned
16 subsidiary of HH Ventures, LLC.

17 Q. I see. Is, like, Ready Wireless, LLC like
18 a -- would it be safe to say it's an offshoot or it's
19 separated from Boomerang?

20 A. Yes. Boomerang and Ready Wireless would be
21 sister companies, both 100 percent own by HH Ventures.

22 Q. Is Boomerang still providing service in
23 Illinois to your knowledge?

24 A. Once this transaction is done, Boomerang will

1 not be providing any service in Illinois.

2 Q. And that's upon the issuance of a certificate
3 to Ready Wireless; that is correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 All previous customers of Boomerang at
6 that point would become Ready Wireless. Ready Wireless
7 will strictly be a provider of lifeline services. And
8 insomuch as Ready -- Boomerang does not hold ETC status
9 in Illinois, there would be no lifeline subscribers in
10 Boomerang in Illinois.

11 Q. I see. Boomerang is going to go to ETC
12 status for lifeline only?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Right. Okay.

15 Has the applicant or any principle in
16 the applicant been denied a certificate of service or
17 had a certification suspended or revoked in the state
18 of Illinois?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Have there been any complaints or judgments
21 levied against the applicant in Illinois in this or any
22 other name?

23 A. Not that I know of.

24 Q. Is the applicant offering service in any

1 other jurisdictions?

2 A. Outside of Illinois?

3 Q. Right.

4 A. Yes. We're authorized to do business, I
5 believe, in all -- or trying to become authorized to do
6 business in all 50 states.

7 MR. GIBSON: Ready Wireless we're talking
8 about, correct?

9 THE WITNESS: Correct.

10 BY THE COURT:

11 Q. And are these applications pending or have
12 they been approved?

13 A. I don't know the exact account. Most all of
14 them have been approved.

15 MR. GIBSON: If I may, Your Honor?

16 THE COURT: Certainly.

17 MR. GIBSON: In most of the states where
18 Ready Wireless operates, there are no approvals
19 necessary -- regulatory approvals since they are a
20 wireless carrier. However, to the extent any state
21 such as Illinois requires a CRMS certificate, Ready
22 Wireless is seeking those certificates.

23 And I'm aware that in Louisiana, we're
24 seeking a similar certificate. But in the other

1 jurisdictions which do not require a CRMS certificate
2 that Ready Wireless is operating throughout the 50
3 states.

4 THE COURT: So it's safe to say that where
5 the certificates are required, they're obtaining the
6 necessary certificates, otherwise they're just simply
7 operating where there's no regulatory approval needed?

8 MR. GIBSON: Yes, Your Honor.

9 BY THE COURT:

10 Q. All right. Has the applicant been denied a
11 certificate or had a certification revoked in any
12 jurisdiction other than Illinois under this or any
13 other name?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Have there been any complaints or judgments
16 levied against the applicant in any jurisdiction other
17 than Illinois in this or any other name?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And does the applicant -- Is the applicant
20 located in -- principle place of business is located in
21 Hiawatha, Iowa?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And is that where the applicant keeps its
24 principle or -- excuse me -- keeps its books and

1 records?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And would those books and records be
4 available to Illinois -- to Illinois Commerce
5 Commission inspectors upon request?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And is the applicant thereby requesting
8 permission to keep those books and records at its
9 principle place of business in Iowa?

10 A. Yes.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Gibson, that's all the
12 questions I have for Mr. Belvanz. Do you have anything
13 you want to follow up with?

14 MR. GIBSON: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: There are no exhibits.
16 Therefore, I will then direct the court reporter to
17 mark this matter heard and taken. And I'll have an
18 order prepared for the commission just as soon as I
19 possibly can. Gentlemen, thank you very much.

20 MR. GIBSON: Thank you.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 (Which were all the proceedings had
23 in the above-entitled cause.)

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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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3 COUNTY OF COOK)

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5 Trixie L Schuzer, being first duly sworn, on
6 oath says that she is a Certified Shorthand Reporter
7 doing business in the City of Chicago, County of Cook,
8 and the State of Illinois.

9 That she reported in shorthand the
10 proceedings had at the foregoing status hearing;

11 And that the foregoing is a true and correct
12 transcript of her shorthand notes so taken aforesaid
13 and contains all the proceedings had at the said status
14 hearing.

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TRIXIE L. SCHUZER, CSR

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18 CSR. No. 084-004763

19 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
20 before me this 18th day of
November A.D. 2013.

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