

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 24, 2025

IN RE:

**Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC'S PETITION FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

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**DOCKET NO.
22-00037**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

This matter came before the Administrative Judge on the motion of Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Commission") Staff as a party ("Party Staff") to take administrative notice of certain documents presented for consideration. Upon consideration of the documents and the reasons presented in Party Staff's motion, the Commission takes notice in this docket of the documents listed below and attached as Exhibits to Party Staff's motion:

1. Plea Agreement of Q Link Wireless, LLC;¹
2. Factual Proffer of Q Link Wireless, LLC;²
3. Plea Agreement of Issa Asad;³
4. Letter from Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to Issa Asad on behalf of Q Link Wireless, LLC, dated November 8, 2024;⁴ and
5. Pages 100487 through 100489 of Volume 89, No. 239 of the Federal Register.⁵

¹ *United States v. Asad & Q Link Wireless LLC*, U.S. Distr. Ct. for the S.D. Fla., Case 1:24-cr-20363-RAR ("U.S. v. Asad/Q Link"), accessed via PACER, Document 23 (August 22, 2024).

² *U.S. v. Asad/Q Link*, Document 24 (October 15, 2024).


³ *U.S. v. Asad/Q Link*, Document 21 (Asad Plea Agreement) (October 15, 2024).

⁴ Letter from FCC to Issa Asad Re: Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceeding (November 8, 2024).

⁵ *Notice of Suspension and Commencement of Proposed Debarment Proceedings; Federal Lifeline Program*, 89 Fed. Reg. 239, 100487 (F.C.C. December 12, 2024).

Nothing shall prohibit Q Link Wireless, LLC (“Q Link”) from presenting evidence to contest the facts in the documents administratively noticed. In addition, Party Staff may present argument on *res judicata* should Q Link contest the facts contained in the federal court pleadings.

FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:



Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge

cc: Parties of Record
Original in docket file