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RE: Case 04-C-0227 - Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for a Declaratory Ruling that the Company, a Commercial Mobile Radio Service Provider, is not subject to Commission Jurisdiction.

Dear Mr. Brecher,

I am responding to your letter to Secretary Brillling, dated February 23, 2004, on behalf of TracFone Wireless, Inc. ("TracFone"). In your letter, you requested a statement that the State of New York does not exercise jurisdiction over Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers for purposes of making determinations concerning eligibility for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designations under 47 U.S.C. §214(e) and 47 C.F.R. §54.201 et seq. You indicated that TracFone is an authorized reseller of CMRS throughout the United States, including New York.

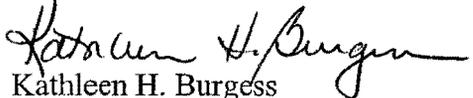
In response to your request, please be advised that the New York State Public Service Law §5 provides that:

Applications of the provisions of this chapter [the Public Service Law] through one-way paging or two-way mobile radio telephone service with the exception of such services provided by means of cellular radio communication is suspended unless the [New York State Public Service] commission . . . makes a determination, after notice and hearing, that regulation of such services should be reinstated to the extent found necessary to protect the public interest because of a lack of effective competition.

The New York State Public Service Commission has not made a determination that regulation should be reinstated under Public Service Law §5. Consequently, based on the representation by TracFone that it is a CMRS provider, TracFone would not be subject to the application of the Public Service Law and, therefore, the jurisdiction of the New York Public Service Commission for the purposes of making the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation.

As this letter is responsive to your request for a statement, Case 04-C-0227 will be closed.

Sincerely,

  
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