

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri's Notice of)
Relinquishment of its Eligible Telecommunications)
Carrier Designation Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(4))
And Notice of Withdrawal from State Lifeline and)
Disabled Programs)

File No. IO-2017-0132

STAFF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and responds to the above-referenced filing and requests that the Commission issue a press release through its Public Information Department and states as follows:

1. On October 28, 2016, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T), filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designation Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(4) and Notice of Withdrawal from State Lifeline and Disabled Programs.

2. 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(4) provides as follows:

Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission ... shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. The Staff has propounded Data Requests to AT&T to determine in which exchanges the Lifeline customers are located. AT&T has responded informally that it appears that there are Lifeline customers in every AT&T exchange.

4. The Staff requests that, now that it appears that a press release should be statewide, the Commission's Public Information Department issue a press release concerning this matter, allowing an opportunity for comment and highlighting that AT&T will no longer serve as an ETC in Missouri.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its Request.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 14th day of November, 2016.

