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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-31.014

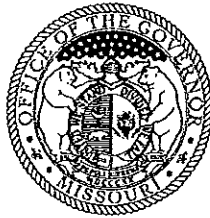
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August 30, 2018

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Public Service Commission
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RE: *Proposed Rulemaking*

Dear Daniel:

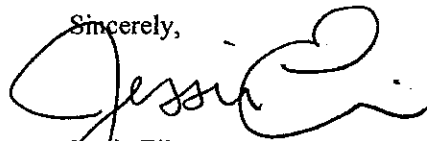
This office has received your proposed amendments, rules and rescissions for the regulations listed below.

- 4 CSR 240-28.010 – Definitions (proposed amendment)
- 4 CSR 240-31.010 – Definitions (proposed amendment)
- 4 CSR 240-28.011 – Certificate of Service Authority and/or Registration (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-28.012 – Annual Reports, Statements of Revenue, and Assessments (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-28.013 – Tariff Filings and Interconnection Agreements (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-28.014 – Network Configuration (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-28.015 – 211 Service (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-28.016 – Telephone Numbering (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-31.011 – Missouri USF Administration (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-31.012 – Missouri USF Assessment (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-31.013 – Missouri USF High Cost Support (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-31.014 – Lifeline and Disabled Programs (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-31.015 – ETC Requirements (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-31.016 – ETC Application Requirements (proposed rule)
- 4 CSR 240-28.020 – General Provisions (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.030 – Certification or Registration Requirements (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.040 – Reporting Requirements (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.050 – Assessment Requirements (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.060 – Service Requirements (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.070 – Tariffs (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.080 – Interconnection Agreements (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-28.090 – 211 Service (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.020 – Organization, Powers, and Meetings of the Board (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.030 – The MoUSFA (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.040 – Eligibility for Funding – High Cost Areas (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.060 – The MoUSF Assessment (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.090 – Disbursement of MoUSF Funds (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.100 – Review Procedures for Support Payments (proposed rescissions)

- 4 CSR 240-31.110 – Review of Board and MoUSFA Activities (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-31.120 – Lifeline Programs and Disabled Programs (proposed rescissions)
- 4 CSR 240-31.130 – Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Requirements (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-37.010 – General Provisions (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-37.020 – Definitions (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-37.030 – Thousands-Block Number Pooling (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-37.040 – Request for Review of the Decisions of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or the Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-37.050 – Reclamation (proposed rescission)
- 4 CSR 240-37.060 – Reporting Requirements (proposed rescission)

Executive Order 17-03 requires this office's approval before state agencies release proposed regulations for notice and comment, amend existing regulations, rescind regulations, or adopt new regulations. After our review of this rulemaking, we approve the submission of these amendments, rules and rescissions to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,



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Re: 4 CSR 240-31.014 Lifeline and Disabled Programs

Dear Secretary Ashcroft,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the order of rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Statutory Authority: sections 392.200.2, 392.248, and 392.470.1, RSMo 2016.

If there are any questions regarding the content of this order of rulemaking, please contact:

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Enclosures

**Title 4 – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Division 240 – Public Service Commission
Chapter 31 – Universal Service**

ORDER OF RULEMAKING

By the authority vested in the Public Service Commission under sections 392.200.2, 392.248, and 392.470.1 RSMo 2016, the commission adopts a rule as follows:

4 CSR 240-31.014 Lifeline and Disabled Programs is adopted.

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the text of the proposed rule was published in the *Missouri Register* on May 15, 2018 (43 MoReg 997-998). Those sections with changes are reprinted here. This proposed rule becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the Code of State Regulations.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The public comment period ended July 2, 2018, and the commission held a public hearing on the proposed rule on July 9, 2018. The commission received timely written comments from AT&T, Missouri Cable Telecommunications Association (MCTA), CenturyLink, Windstream Missouri, Verizon, the Small Telephone Company Group and Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group (STCG), the Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association (MTIA), and the staff of the commission. Whitney Payne, representing the commission's staff; Richard Telthorst, on behalf of MTIA; Brian McCartney, representing STCG; and Craig Johnson representing Chariton Valley Communications, appeared at the hearing and offered comments.

COMMENT #1: STCG comments that section 31.014(1) must be modified to require a company eligible to receive disabled support to comply with the requirements of section 392.248.4(2) to provide such customers essential local telecommunications services.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The commission agrees with STCG's comment and will modify the section accordingly.

COMMENT #2: STCG comments that essential telecommunications carrier participation in the Missouri disabled program is optional and suggests section 31.014(1) be modified to reflect that fact.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The commission agrees with STCG's comment and will modify the section accordingly.

COMMENT #3: STCG suggests section 31.014(5) should be modified to reference the new Missouri-specific program form.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The commission agrees with STCG's comment and will modify the section accordingly.

4 CSR 240-31.014 Lifeline and Disabled Programs.

(1) Missouri Universal Service Fund (USF) support for the Lifeline and Disabled programs is limited to companies that are current on Missouri USF assessment obligations, meet the requirements of section 392.248.4(2) of the Missouri Revised Statutes, and have a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service or a registration to provide Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (IVoIP) service from the commission. Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation pursuant to 47 CFR Part 54 Subpart C is a requirement for participation in the Lifeline program but not the Disabled program. Participation in the Disabled program by an ETC is optional.

(5) The enrollment form for the Lifeline program should comply with federal requirements. The enrollment form for the Disabled program may be similar to the sample form posted on the commission's website.