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Service Commission

RE: Case No. ~~X0-2003-0092~~ CO-2003-0094
**The Pager Company's Application for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier for Federal Lifeline and LinkUp Programs**

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find an original and eight copies of the **APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR FEDERAL LIFELINE AND LINKUP PROGRAMS** for filing with the Commission on behalf of The Pager Company.

Thank you for assistance in the processing this filing. Copies are being served on the Commission's General Counsel and Office of the Public Counsel. Please contact me at 634-8109 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,


Mary Ann (Garr) Young

Enclosure

cc: General Counsel
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Cathy Webking
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the matter of the Application of)
The Pager Company)
for Designation as a Telecommunications)
Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal)
Service Support pursuant to Section 254)
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. ~~MO-2003-0092~~
CO-2003-0094

**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
FOR FEDERAL LIEFLINE AND LINKUP PROGRAMS**

Comes now The Pager Company ("PagerCo" or "Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, and hereby applies pursuant to Sections 214 and 254 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (FTA), for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for universal service support (ETC) for federal lifeline and linkup programs under the provisions of 47 CFR 54.201(d) and for certification of this designation to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In support of its Application, PagerCo states as follows:

1. PagerCo is a Missouri corporation with principal offices located at 3030 East Truman Road, Kansas City MO 64127. The character of business performed by Applicant is telecommunications services. PagerCo is authorized to provide basic local exchange service in Missouri pursuant to the Commission's Order Granting Certificate to Provide Basic Local and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services issued April 12, 1999, in Case No. TA-99-115. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Missouri Secretary of State was filed with the Commission in TA-99-115, and is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(G).

2. PagerCo has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against Applicant in any state, federal agency, or court which involve customer service or

rates for which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application. PagerCo does not have any overdue annual reports or fees owed to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

3. All inquiries, correspondence, communications, pleadings, notices, orders and decisions relating to the case should be addressed to:

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4. PagerCo offers the services that are supported by Federal universal service support mechanisms under Section 254(c) of the FTA. Specifically, PagerCo offers services including: single-party service; voice grade access to the public switched network; DTMF signaling or its functional equivalent; access to emergency services; access to operator services; access to interexchange services; access to directory assistance; and toll blocking and toll limitation services for qualifying low-income consumers.

5. PagerCo also provides such services as are required by the Federal Lifeline and LinkUp Programs at the rates established by the Commission for such services to eligible low-income customers and disabled customers pursuant to its current approved tariff.

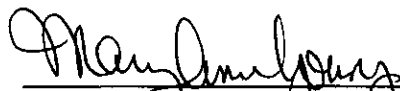
6. PagerCo offers and advertises essential services in the exchanges where Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is certified as the incumbent local exchange company in Platte, Jackson, Clay, Christian, Polk, Lafayette, Lawrence, Greene, Cass, Buchanan, Adair and Clinton counties. PagerCo seeks certification as an ETC for purposes of federal universal service support for Lifeline and LinkUp services only for the service area which includes these counties.

7. PagerCo hereby certifies that it will only use federal universal fund support for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of its facilities and services for which the support is intended.

8. PagerCo also requests that if the Commission grants the designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for Federal Lifeline and LinkUp Programs to PagerCo, that the Commission also certify to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that PagerCo will only use the federal universal fund support for the purposes for which it was intended.

WHEREFORE, Applicant The Pager Company respectfully requests that the Commission designate The Pager Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier for Federal Lifeline and LinkUp programs and issue proper certification of this designation to the Federal Communications Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid to the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission on this 6th day of September 2002.

Mary Ann (Garr) Young
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AFFIDAVIT OF DALE SCHMICK

STATE OF MISSOURI

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COUNTY OF JACKSON

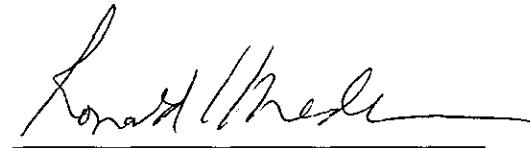
VERIFICATION

Dale Schmick personally appeared before me and being first duly sworn deposed and said under oath as an authorized officer of The Pager Company that the statements contained in the Pager Company's Application Requesting Certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Lifeline Services are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.



Dale Schmick
The Pager Company

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 22ND day of August, 2002.



RONALD L. MEDLIN
Jackson County
My Commission Expires
June 13, 2006