

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 25th day of
June, 2014.

Application of American Broadband and)	
Telecommunications Company for Designation)	File No. RA-2014-0225
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the)	
Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service on a Wireless Basis)	

ORDER GRANTING AMENDED APPLICATION

Issue Date: June 25, 2014

Effective Date: July 25, 2014

American Broadband and Telecommunications Company (“ABTC”) seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications (“ETC”) under the name “American Assistance” to provide resold free wireless services supported by the federal Universal Service Fund’s Lifeline program. ABTC does not seek any Missouri Universal Service Fund status. The application is within the Commission’s jurisdiction to decide.¹

ABTC is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Missouri. On February 14, 2014, ABTC filed the verified application (“application”) proposing to do business as “American Broadband.” But “American Broadband” is the name under which Holway Telephone Company and K.L.M. Telephone Company (“intervenors”) already do business. Intervenors objected to the application and sought a hearing. On March 14, 2014, ABTC filed a motion to amend the application so as to do business as “American Assistance.” On March 20, 2014, intervenors withdrew their objection and request for hearing, conditioned on the Commission’s continued acknowledgment of intervenors as “American Broadband” and

¹ 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2).

acknowledgment of ABTC as “American Assistance.” On June 10, 2014, the Commission’s staff (“Staff”) filed its recommendation favoring the application as amended. No party filed a response to that recommendation.

Because no party objects to the application as amended, no law requires a formal adversarial evidentiary hearing before granting the amended application.² Therefore, based on the verified content of the file, the Commission concludes that ABTC meets the requirements for the requested ETC designation. The Commission will grant the motion to amend, approve the amended application, and grant the requested ETC designation. This order is conditioned on ABTC doing business as “American Assistance” and notifying the Commission of any change in the name under which ABTC does business.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The amended application is granted as described in the body of this order.
2. This order is effective on July 25, 2014.
3. This file may close on July 26, 2014.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, Hall,
and Rupp, CC., concur;
W. Kenney, C., absent.

Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

² *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Serv. Com'n*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. 1989).