# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
GoSEMO, LLC for	)	
Designation as an Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant	)	Case No. RA-2020-0109
To Section 214(e)(5) of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934,	)	
As Amended	)	

#### RECOMMENDATION

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation* in this matter hereby states:

- 1. On October 21, 2019, GoSEMO, LLC, (Company or GoSEMO) filed a Request for Commission Authority to Participate in Missouri Universal Service Fund with the Commission requesting that the Commission issue an order expanding GoSEMO's designation as a high-cost and low-income eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), ordered by the Commission in Case No. RA-2019-0089, to include eligibility for Missouri Universal Service Fund support. The Company's request, if approved, would permit it to receive state support for Missouri's Lifeline and Disabled programs.
- 2. The Company is registered in the state of Missouri to provide interconnected voice over internet protocol (IVoIP) services. The Commission Order issued in RA-2019-0089 grants GoSEMO ETC designation for the specific census blocks outlined in its Exhibit A included with its Application in that case. That Exhibit A is attached here for reference as GoSEMO requests authority for the same service area.
- 3. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-31.130 governs the specific eligible telecommunications carrier requirements that each applicant must meet. Applications must also comply with 20 CSR 4240-2.060 and shall be verified by oath as to the

truthfulness contained in the application by an officer or director of the applicant. In lieu of a memorandum, Staff attests that the Company has met the requirements of these rules and commits to complying with the requirements going forward.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve GoSEMO, LLC's, request for expansion of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to include Missouri Universal Service Fund support; that the designation be limited to the area identified by census blocks in GoSEMO, LLC's, Exhibit A to its initial application in Case No. RA-2019-0089; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 15th day of November, 2019, to all counsel of record.

#### /s /Whitney Payne

## EXHIBIT A

# LIST OF CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS IN WHICH IN THE WINNING AREAS GoSEMO, LLC SEEKS DESIGNATION AS A HIGH-COST AND LOW-INCOME ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER