

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

In the Matter of the Application of AirVoice)
Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk Wireless for) **Case No. RA-2022-0252**
Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier)

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 March 21, 2022, AirVoice Wireless d/b/a AirTalk Wireless, (“Company” or “AirVoice”) filed an *Application* requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) with the Commission. The Company’s request, if approved, would permit it to receive federal low-income support for providing Lifeline services to Missouri residents.

2. The Company is a wireless provider and is not certificated or registered to provide any telecommunications services in Missouri.

3. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 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.

4. Staff conducted an investigation and has provided a memorandum attached to this pleading as Appendix A. Staff’s memorandum outlines the reasons why Staff believes AirVoice has met the requirements of 20 CSR 4240-31.016 and should receive ETC designation.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve AirVoice Wireless d/b/a AirTalk Wireless's, request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support to provide Lifeline services in Missouri; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 22nd day of April, 2022, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ron Irving

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. RA-2022-0252

From: Kari Salsman
Telecommunications Department

Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Approve AirVoice Wireless, LLC d/b/a
AirTalk Wireless's Request for ETC Designation

Date: April 20, 2022

On March 21, 2022, AirVoice Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk Wireless (AirTalk) filed an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and is requesting ETC designation on a statewide basis. The company is a wireless service provider and is not certificated or registered by the Missouri Commission.

Federal authority enables state commissions to grant ETC status to a company.¹ Missouri's ETC application requirements are contained in existing Missouri Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016. Staff reviewed the company's request for compliance with Missouri's rule as well as federal requirements. In Staff's opinion the company has adequately met all ETC application requirements. Consequently Staff supports the company's application for ETC status.

Staff recommends the Commission grant statewide ETC status to AirVoice Wireless, LLC d/b/a AirTalk Wireless for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support.

¹ 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2) and FCC rule §54.201.