BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Telrite)
Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless for Expanded)
Service Area as a Wireless ETC in the State of)
Missouri (Low Income Only)

File No. RA-2017-0060

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Recommendation states as follows:

- 1. On August 29, 2016, Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless ("Telrite") requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission amend its Order designating Telrite as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for Lifeline support, to allow Telrite to expand the territory within which it may offer Lifeline service eligible for support.
- 2. Telrite was granted that ETC authority in XA-2011-0062, on November 10, 2010. That Order granted ETC status to Telrite in only those areas requested by Telrite. Telrite now asks to provide Lifeline service throughout the State in which its underlying carrier has facilities and coverage.
- 3. The Staff recommends that the Commission grant Telrite's request. The Staff agrees that an Order specifying the extended service area is necessary in order to avoid confusion at the federal level. In lieu of a memorandum, the Staff herein states that it is not aware of any reason why extending Telrite's Lifeline area would be contrary to the Public Interest.

4. The Commission need not hold a hearing, if, after proper notice and opportunity to intervene, no party requests such a hearing. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends the Commission issue an Order to extend Telrite's Lifeline service are to all exchanges in the State of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 15th day of September, 2016.

