

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

In the Matter of the Petition of Callabyte)
Technology, LLC for Designation as an)
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier) **Case No. RA-2019-0086**
Pursuant to Section 214(e)(5) of the)
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

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 September 27, 2018, Callabyte Technology, LLC, (Company or Callabyte) filed an *Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier* with the Commission requesting that the Commission issue an order designating Callabyte as a high-cost and low-income eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). The Company's request, if approved, would permit it to receive federal support pursuant to the Connect America Fund II (CAF II) auction held by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and for Lifeline. The Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation no later than October 31, 2018.

2. The CAF II program is part of the FCC's reform and modernization of its universal service fund support programs designed to accelerate the expansion of broadband services to rural areas and any areas which presently lack the infrastructure capable to support at least 10/1 Mbps of fixed broadband services. The FCC held an auction to allocate funds to various companies which could further the goals of the CAF II program. The FCC requires each winning company to obtain ETC designation from its respective public utilities commission prior to receiving the allocated funds. Winners of

the auction must certify within 180 days of the release of the Public Notice from the FCC which closed the CAF II auction that they have obtained ETC designation. Public Notice was issued August 21, 2018, so Callabyte must certify that it has obtained ETC designation no later than February 25, 2019.

3. Staff has reviewed Callabyte's initial *Application* and requested additional information from the Company, which was filed in a *Supplemental* filing October 19, 2018 and a *Second Supplemental* filing October 25, 2018. Staff continues to review the Company's information and is working with the FCC to ensure all elements of the *Application* meet the necessary requirements to receive CAF II funding.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission permit an extension of the filing date for Staff's Recommendation to November 30, 2018; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectively 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 31st day of October, 2018, to all counsel of record.

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