

STATE OF MISSOURI
MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	
Wisper ISP Inc. for Designation as an)	Case No. CA-2019-0196
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)	
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Response to Staff Recommendation and Intervenor's
Motion for Additional Time to Respond

Wisper ISP Inc. ("Wisper") supports in its entirety the Staff Recommendation to grant Wisper designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Missouri for the census blocks that it was awarded Connect America Fund Phase II ("CAF II"). Conexon, LLC; GoSEMO, LLC; and Callabyte Technology, LLC ("Intervenors") are attempting to sabotage this case in order to protect their businesses from the competition that Wisper will provide in and around their service areas. Either Wisper's CAF II bids were deemed superior to Intervenors, or they failed to provide the FCC with evidence through their Form 477 Fixed Broadband Deployment Data that the awarded CAF II census blocks were adequately served. In either case, the FCC chose Wisper to serve these areas and provide funding for network deployment.

The Commission should not allow Intervenors to disrupt this process and deny Missouri residents access to broadband and voice services that Intervenors have thus far failed to provide. Intervenors' latest filing today titled "Preliminary Response to Staff Recommendation and Motion for Additional Time to Respond" makes uninformed claims and offers unfounded speculation as to Wisper's technical ability to provide service. In order to try and prove them, yesterday on February 7, 2019, Intervenors issued invasive

and competitively sensitive data requests. Wisper already provided adequate information to Staff through Exhibits H and I that fully and exhaustively detail Wisper's technical plans to provide 100/20 Mbps service in its requested ETC census blocks. Staff acknowledged receipt and after its review, issued its Recommendation suggesting ETC approval. Wisper should not be required to share this critically confidential data with Intervenors. The Staff Recommendation saw through Intervenors' previous attempt to scuttle this case and should be adopted as the position of the Commission just as it did so in Case No. DA-2019-01012.¹

Intervenors dress up their anti-competitive claims in an attempt to deputize themselves as protectors of the public interest. In fact, Intervenors are little more than sore losers. To the extent the Commission requires additional information to render its decision on its application, Wisper will provide it immediately. The Commission should adopt the Staff Recommendation and deny the Intervenors' Motion for Additional Time to Respond.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹Air Link Rural Broadband, LLC's Request for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Missouri (January 16, 2019).