

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Aptitude Internet, LLC            )  
Application for Designation as an Eligible        )  
Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of     ) **File No. TA-2021-0198**  
Receiving Federal Universal Service Support    )

## ORDER SUSPENDING REQUIREMENT FOR STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: February 2, 2021

Effective Date: February 2, 2021

On January 5, 2021, Aptitude Internet, LLC (Aptitude) filed its application for designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. Attorney Kristopher E. Twomey, whose office is identified as in Washington, D.C., signed the application as attorney for Aptitude. It does not appear, however, from the face of the application, whether Mr. Twomey is licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri,<sup>1</sup> and the application contains no motion for leave to practice before the Commission pro hac vice, as required for an attorney not licensed in Missouri according to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040. Thus, the Commission issued a Notice of Deficiency on January 25, 2021.

On February 2, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a Motion for Extension. Staff explains that Aptitude has yet to cure its deficiency and, thus, the Commission should extend Staff's February 5, 2021 deadline to file a Recommendation. The Commission finds Staff's motion reasonable, and will grant it.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The requirement for the Staff of the Commission to file a Recommendation is suspended until further notice.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.