

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in its office in  
Jefferson City on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of Midwest Data )  
Center, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of ) **File No. TA-2021-0250**  
Receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support )

**ORDER GRANTING STAFF MOTION TO  
AUTHORIZE MISSOURI USF SUPPORT**

Issue Date: June 7, 2021

Effective Date: July 7, 2021

On May 25, 2021, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Authorize MoUSF Support (Motion). In the Motion, Staff points out that the Commission granted Midwest Data Center, Inc. (Midwest Data Center) authority to be designated as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) on March 17, 2021. The order doing so, however, did not authorize Midwest Data Center to receive Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) support. Staff now moves the Commission to authorize MoUSF support.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.<sup>1</sup> Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.<sup>2</sup> Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.<sup>3</sup> Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the verified filings.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Co.'s Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Elec. Serv. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 509 S.W.3d 757, 783-784 (Mo. App. W.D. 2016).

<sup>3</sup> *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

Based upon its review of the verified application and Staff's motion, the Commission finds that Midwest Data Center has met the requirements to receive MoUSF support.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Midwest Data Center is authorized to receive MoUSF low-income and disabled program support.
2. This order shall become effective on July 7, 2021.
3. This file shall be closed on July 8, 2021.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and  
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge