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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-31.013

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TYPE OF RULEMAKING ACTION TO BE TAKEN

☐ Emergency rulemaking, include effective date

☒ Proposed Rulemaking

☐ Withdrawal ☐ Rule Action Notice ☐ In Addition ☐ Rule Under Consideration

☐ Request for Non-Substantive Change

☐ Statement of Actual Cost Order of Rulemaking

Effective Date for the Order \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Statutory 30 days OR Specific date \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Order of Rulemaking contain changes to the rule text? ☐ NO

☐ YES—LIST THE SECTIONS WITH CHANGES, including any deleted rule text:

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April 12, 2018

John Ashcroft  
Secretary of State  
Administrative Rules Division  
600 West Main Street  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: 4 CSR 240-31.013 Missouri USF High Cost Support

Dear Secretary Ashcroft,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the proposed rule lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

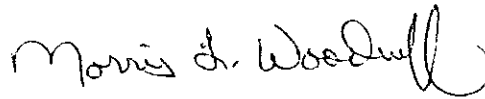
The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby certifies that this proposed rule will not have an economic impact on small businesses. The Public Service Commission further certifies that it has conducted an analysis of whether there has been a taking of real property pursuant to section 536.017, RSMo, that the proposed rule does not constitute a taking of real property under relevant state and federal law, and that the proposed rule conforms to the requirements of 1.310, RSMo, regarding user fees.

The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby also certifies that this proposed rule complies with the small business requirements of 1.310, RSMo, in that it does not have an adverse impact on small businesses consisting of fewer than fifty full or part-time employees or it is necessary to protect the life, health, or safety of the public, or that this rulemaking complies with 1.310, RSMo, by exempting any small business consisting of fewer than fifty full or part-time employees from its coverage, by implementing a federal mandate, or by implementing a federal program administered by the state or an act of the general assembly.

Statutory Authority: section 392.200.2 and 392.248, RSMo Supp. 1997, and 392.470.1, RSMo 1994.

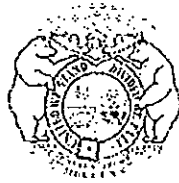
If there are any questions regarding the content of this proposed rule, please contact:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and "W".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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February 7, 2018

Daniel Hall  
Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street  
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Chairman Hall:

This office has received your rulemaking relating to organization, powers, and meetings of the board (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.020; the MoUSFA (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.030; eligibility for funding – high cost areas (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.040; the MoUSF assessment (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.060; disbursement of MoUSF funds (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.090; review procedures for support payments (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.100; review of board and MoUSFA activities (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.110; lifeline program and disabled program (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.120; eligible telecommunications carrier requirements (rescission), 4 CSR 240-31.130; definitions (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.010; Missouri USF administration (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.011; Missouri USF assessment (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.012; Missouri USF high cost support (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.013; lifeline and disabled programs (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.014; ETC requirements (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.015; and ETC application requirements (proposed), 4 CSR 240-31.016.

Executive Order 17-03 requires this office's approval before state agencies release proposed regulations for notice and comment, amend existing regulations, rescind regulations, or adopt new regulations. After our review, we approve the submission of these rule rescissions and proposed rules to JCAR and the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

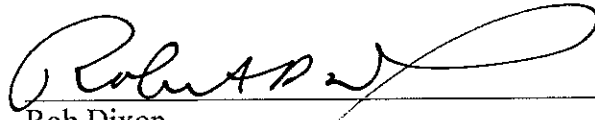
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Justin D. Smith  
Deputy Counsel

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PUBLIC COST**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
                                  )  
COUNTY OF COLE     )


I, Rob Dixon, Director of the Department of Economic Development, first being duly sworn, on my oath, state that it is my opinion that the cost of proposed rule 4 CSR 240-31.013, is less than five hundred dollars in the aggregate to this agency, any other agency of state government or any political subdivision thereof.

  
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Rob Dixon  
Director  
Department of Economic Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 I am  
commissioned as a notary public within the County of Moniteau, State of  
Missouri, and my commission expires on Dec. 13, 2019



DAWN ELLEN OVERBEY  
My Commission Expires  
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Division 240—Public Service Commission  
Chapter 31—Universal Service**

**PROPOSED RULE**

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**4 CSR 240-31.013 Missouri USF High Cost Support.**

*PURPOSE: This proposed rule provides requirements for receiving Missouri USF high cost support to fulfill a customer service request to a location lacking facilities or to deploy facilities to provide retail broadband service to locations in Missouri that are unserved.*

**(1) Applications for customer-specific service requests for Missouri USF high cost support.**

(A) A company may apply for Missouri USF high cost support to fulfill a customer service request to a location lacking facilities if—

1. The company is certificated to provide basic local telecommunications service or registered to provide IVolP service;
2. The company is current on its Missouri USF assessment obligations;
3. The company has received a customer request for essential local telecommunications service to a location lacking landline facilities from any company to provide the requested service; and
4. Applying the board-approved formula identified and explained on the Missouri USF website indicates the location qualifies for Missouri USF high cost support.

(B) Missouri USF high cost support is provided to the company after the company submits to the Missouri USF administrator a completed Missouri USF High Cost Application for Support Eligibility form available on the Missouri USF website. The company has the discretion to require the customer to pay construction charges, advance payments and/or meet other requirements as a condition for service if the customer specifically agrees to comply in writing prior to the company submitting an application for support.

(C) Service should be provided within 90 days of receiving Missouri USF high cost support or as otherwise agreed to by the company and customer.

(D) The board may establish an annual budget for Missouri USF high cost support.

**(2) Applications to deploy facilities to provide retail broadband service to unserved areas**

(A) A company may submit an application to the commission requesting Missouri USF high cost support to deploy facilities to provide retail broadband service.

(B) The commission may consider such requests on a case-by-case basis.

*AUTHORITY: section 392.200.2 and 392.248, RSMo Supp. 1997 and 392.470.1, RSMo 1994 (Original authority: 392.200, RSMo 1939, amended 1987, 1988, 1996; 392.248, RSMo 1996; and 392.470.1, RSMo 1987) Original rule filed Aug. 15, 1997, effective April 30, 1998.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to the proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street. P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City MO 65102-0360. To be considered, comments must be received at the commission's offices on or before July 2, 2018, and should include a reference to Commission Case No. TX-2018-0120. Comments may also be submitted via a filing using the commission's electronic filing and information system at <http://www.psc.mo.gov/efis.asp>. A public hearing regarding this proposed rule is scheduled for July 9, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St., Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested persons may appear at this hearing to submit additional comments and/or testimony in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule, and may be asked to respond to commission questions. Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one (1) of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.*

# **Small Business Regulator Fairness Board**

## **Small Business Impact Statement**

**Date:** November 17, 2017

**Rule Number:** 4 CSR 240-31.013

**Name of Agency Preparing Statement:** Missouri Public Service Commission

**Name of Person Preparing Statement:** Kari Salsman

**Phone Number:** 573-526-5631      **Email:** kari.salsman@psc.mo.gov

**Name of Person Approving Statement:** Natelle Dietrich

**Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses** *(examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique).*

Proposed rule simplifies and streamlines rules, which will reduce any impact on small businesses.

**Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.**

Feedback was solicited in Case No. TW-2017-0078 and a workshop.

**Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.**

None

**Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.**

The proposed rule applies to companies designated as telecommunications companies and IVoIP providers. No company will be adversely affected by the proposed rule.

**Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.**

N/A

**Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.**

Companies designated as telecommunications companies and IVoIP providers.

**Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_X\_\_

**If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.**

*For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.*