

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

In the Matter of the Application of Easy Telephone)
Service Company for Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of) **File No. TA-2011-0164**
Missouri.)

STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation, states as follows:

1. On December 7, 2010 Easy Telephone Service Company (“the Company”), a wireless carrier, filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service fund support for low income customers through Lifeline and LinkUp programs. On February 4, 2011, the Staff recommended that the Company be granted ETC status, but withdrew that recommendation on February 28 after receiving a document that asserted that the Company had engaged in fraudulent activity. On March 11, the Company responded to the assertions with over 82 pages of documentation.

2. On April 11, 2011, the Staff, having completed its review of the submitted documentation, recommended that the Company be granted ETC status. At the Agenda Session of April 19, the Commission instructed the Staff to investigate the matter further.

3. The Staff has interviewed both the Company and the “whistleblower” since that time. The Company has filed an affidavit in which the President of the Company attests that the Company will comply with the applicable regulations concerning customer eligibility and documentation review and retention that the Staff, in its last recommendation, requested be

highlighted, although the Company attests it will use a form that has yet to be approved by the Commission.

4. Although the Staff prepared an affidavit and sent it to the “whistleblower” over a week ago, the affidavit has yet to be signed and returned. The Staff believes it prudent to allow more time for that affidavit. In addition, the Staff has requested information from the Louisiana Commission that it has yet to receive.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission continue this matter for another two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,



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