

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

In the Matter of the Notice of )  
Relinquishment of American Broadband )  
and Telecommunications Company d/b/a ) **Case No. TA-2020-0343**  
American Assistance Missouri ETC )  
Designation, Effective July 2, 2020 )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation* in this matter hereby states:

1. On May 1, 2020, American Broadband and Telecommunications Company d/b/a American Assistance (Company or American Assistance) filed a *Notice of Relinquishment of American Assistance’s Missouri ETC Designation, Effective July 2, 2020* with the Commission requesting withdrawal of the Company’s eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status in Missouri.

2. American Assistance was granted ETC designation on June 25, 2015, in Case No. RA-2014-0225.

3. The Company’s request comes pursuant to investigatory docket No. LO-2019-0154, and the subsequent complaint case filed by Staff, following a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture filed by the Federal Communications Commission. Staff opened complaint Case No. LC-2020-0277, in which it proposed that the Commission should revoke American Assistance’s ETC designation for failure to properly comply with Lifeline Program requirements and ETC reporting requirements.

4. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-31.015.4 states that to relinquish ETC status, a company must provide a letter signed by a company representative at least 60 days prior to relinquishment in compliance with 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4).

5. Staff recommends that the Company has met the necessary requirements and that the Commission should acknowledge the relinquishment of American Assistance's ETC designation, effective July 2, 2020. Staff further recommends that American Assistance has provided adequate notice to its existing customers.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission acknowledge the relinquishment of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company d/b/a American Assistance's ETC designation in Missouri, effective July 2, 2020; issue an order cancelling American Broadband and Telecommunications Company d/b/a American Assistance's ETC designation in Missouri; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Whitney Payne**