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

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In the Matter of the Application of Easy Telephone Service Company, d/b/a Easy Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on a Wireless Basis (Low Income Only).

File No. TA-2011-0164

## ORDER OFFERING EASY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

Issue Date: March 1, 2011

Effective Date: March 1, 2011

On December 7, 2010, Easy Telephone Service Company, d/b/a Easy Wireless, applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) on a wireless basis throughout the non-rural Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri exchanges described in its application. Easy Wireless is seeking ETC status solely to participate in the low-income programs of the Universal Service Fund. On February 4, 2011, the Commission's Staff filed a recommendation advising the Commission to approve Easy Telephone's application. However, on February 28, Staff filed an additional report and withdrew its recommendation.

Staff reports that it has received a report from a person at Universal Service Administrative Company, the administrator of the Universal Service Fund, indicating that it has received allegations of fraudulent activity by Easy Telephone or companies affiliated with Easy Telephone. Because of these allegations, Staff advises to the Commission to take no further action on Easy Telephone's application.

The Commission will offer Easy Telephone an opportunity to respond to the allegations described in Staff's report.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. If Easy Telephone Service Company, d/b/a Easy Wireless wishes to respond

to Staff's February 28, 2011 Report, it shall do so no later than March 22, 2011.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

## **BY THE COMMISSION**

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.