

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

In the Matter of Aptitude Internet, LLC            )  
Application for Designation as an                    )  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier                )        Case No. TA-2021-0198  
For Purposes of Receiving Federal                 )  
Universal Service Support                            )

**STCG’S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW the Small Telephone Company Group or STCG, and for its Response to the Commission’s Order Directing Filing in the above-captioned case, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1.       The STCG takes no position on Aptitude’s Amended Application.
  
2.       In the event that the Commission does grant Aptitude’s Amended Application, then the STCG requests that any Commission order granting Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status be expressly limited to the census blocks identified on Exhibit A of Aptitude’s Amended Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically and/or via U.S. mail this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021, to:

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