

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 28, 2021

Effective Date: April 28, 2021

On January 5, 2021, Aptitude Internet, LLC (Aptitude) filed its application for designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. The Small Telephone Company Group (STCG) filed an application to intervene on January 21, 2021.

The Commission issued a Notice of Deficiency because Aptitude did not have Missouri counsel. Because of that deficiency, the Commission did not rule on STCG's application.

Aptitude corrected the deficiency on April 27, 2021. Thus, the Commission will rule on STCG's request, and will order further filings. More than ten days have elapsed since STCG's application was filed, and no party has objected. Thus, the Commission will take up the application unopposed.¹

The Commission finds that allowing the STCG to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

The Commission will order its Staff to file a Recommendation or a Status Report stating how the Commission should proceed.²

¹ 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).

² The Commission notes that Aptitude requested a ruling no later than June 7, 2021. Because of Aptitude's failure to retain Missouri counsel from January 5, 2021 until April 27, 2021, the Commission might not be able to accommodate that request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall respond as ordered above no later than May 3, 2021.
2. Any other party who wishes to respond may do so no later than May 3, 2021.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of April, 2021.