

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for Variance from the  
Filing Requirements of 4 CSR 240-31.130

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**File No. TE-2018-0372**

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: June 20, 2018

Effective Date: June 20, 2018

On June 12, 2018, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to grant a variance from the Commission's rules to allow Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) additional time to submit certain information with the Commission. The Commission granted the requested variance on June 20, allowing the ETCs until July 16, 2018 to file that information. On June 19, Staff filed another request for variance. The new request for variance concerns the Commission's rule's requirement that the ETCs must file with the Commission a copy of the annual report (Form 481) they are required to file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under federal law.

Staff's motion explains the FCC has indicated it will no longer require ETCs to file duplicate copies of the Form 481 with the FCC and the state commissions, reasoning that the state commissions can now access that form on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) website. Some Missouri ETCs have asked whether the Commission will continue to require them to file the duplicate forms with this Commission despite the change in the FCC's requirements. Staff asks the Commission to accept its request to consider this matter, and determine whether it is necessary for ETCs to file Form 481 with the Commission pursuant to 4 CSR 240-31.130(3)(A) for 2018.

The Commission has two questions for Staff. First, while Staff's motion explains the circumstances and asks the Commission to consider the matter and make a determination as to whether it is necessary for the ETCs to file Form 481 with the Commission, it never actually offers a recommendation to the Commission. Does Staff recommend the Commission grant the waiver requested by the ETCs? Second, Staff's motion refers only to 4 CSR 240-31.130(3)(A), which concerns ETCs receiving Lifeline support. The Commission notes that the same requirement to file a duplicate Form 481 also appears in 4 CSR 240-31.130(3)(B), which concerns ETCs receiving high-cost support. Does Staff also recommend the Commission waive application of that provision?

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a response to the Commission's questions no later than June 21, 2018.
2. 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

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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