

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 30th day of December, 2020.

In The Matter of USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC)
d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Notice of Partial ETC)
Relinquishment)

File No. RO-2021-0169

ORDER APPROVING PARTIAL ETC RELINQUISHMENT

Issue Date: December 30, 2020

Effective Date: January 14, 2021

USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC ("U.S. Cellular") notified the Commission on December 16, 2020, that it has partially relinquished its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support. U.S. Cellular's letter indicates it has sold a portion of its Missouri network, including the assignment of its Personal Communications Service (PCS) license covering the St. Joseph Basic Trading Area (BTA) in the northwest corner of Missouri. Because the transaction has reduced the area in which U.S. Cellular can provide service, the company has decided to relinquish its ETC designation in those portions of its service area. The specific Wire Centers for which U.S. Cellular is relinquishing its designation are listed in Appendix A attached to its notice. The specific Wire Centers for which it is retaining its ETC designation are listed in Appendix B attached to its notice. U.S. Cellular asks the Commission to issue an order approving its partial relinquishment effective January 14, 2021.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation regarding U.S. Cellular's notice of relinquishment on December 22, 2020. Staff's recommendation explains that Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.015(4) and a provision of federal law -

section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4) - governs the relinquishment of ETC status. Staff indicates that U.S. Cellular has met the requirements of the Commission's regulation and is in compliance with the federal statute. Staff recommends the Commission issue an order that approves U.S. Cellular's relinquishment of the portion of its territory for which it has been designated as an ETC.

U.S. Cellular asked that the Commission approve the relinquishment to be effective on January 14, 2021. Therefore, the Commission finds it appropriate to make this order effective in less than thirty days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC d/b/a U.S. Cellular is permitted to relinquish a portion of the territory for which it is designated as an ETC for purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support. The specific Wire Centers for which U.S. Cellular has relinquished its ETC status are listed in Appendix A attached to its notice letter and attached to this order. The specific Wire Centers for which U.S. Cellular retains its ETC status are listed in Appendix B attached to its notice letter and attached to this order.
2. This order shall be effective January 14, 2021.
3. This file shall be closed on January 15, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge