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Honorable Robin Carnahan  
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Dear Secretary Carnahan:

Re: 4 CSR 240-31.010 [Missouri Universal Service Fund] Definitions.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE**

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the order of rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission for filing on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

Statutory Authority: Sections 392.248 and 392.470.1 RSMo 2000 and 392.200.2 RSMo Supp. 2007.

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**Title 4 – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Division 240 – Public Service Commission  
Chapter 31 – Missouri Universal Service Fund**

**ORDER OF RULEMAKING**

By the authority vested in the Public Service Commission under sections 386.250, 392.248 and 392.470.1 RSMo 2000 and 392.200.2 RSMo Supp. 2007, the commission amends a rule as follows:

**4 CSR 240-31.010 is amended.**

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the text of the proposed amendment was published in the *Missouri Register* on September 2, 2008 (33 MoReg 1660). Those sections with changes are reprinted here. This proposed amendment becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Code of State Regulations*.

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:** A public hearing on this proposed rule was held October 3, 2008, and the public comment period ended October 3, 2008. No written comments were received and John VanEschen, on behalf of the staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission was the only person to testify. The staff supports the proposed amendment.

**COMMENT:** In order to prevent confusion in the future about whether a program qualifies a person to receive residential essential local telecommunications services at a reduced rate under the Missouri Universal Service Fund, it is appropriate to change the way "Medicaid" is listed to the more generic "a program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§1396-1396v."

**RESPONSE:** No change is necessitated by this comment.

**COMMENT:** As for Medicaid, it would be clearer to change the other program names to something more generic as well. However, not all those programs have a discrete enabling statute. For that reason, the staff does not recommend that the other program titles be deleted, but supports the inclusion of their corresponding statutory authority together with the program name.

**RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE:** The commission agrees with this comment, and will add the statutory citations as set forth below.

**4 CSR 240-31.010 Definitions.**

(9) Low-income customer—Any customer who requests or receives residential essential local telecommunications service and who participates or has a dependent residing in the customer's household who participates in a program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§1396-1396v, food stamps (7 U.S.C. §51), Supplementary Security Income (SSI) (42 U.S.C. §7), federal public housing assistance or Section 8 (42 U.S.C. §8), National School Lunch

Program's free lunch program (42 U.S.C. §13), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (42 U.S.C. §7(IV)), or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (42 U.S.C. §94).