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

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In the Matter of the Application of USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Case No. TO-2005-0384

## ORDER APPROVING PARTIAL RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION

Issue Date: December 23, 2013 Effective Date: December 23, 2013

In May 2007, the Commission designated USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for receipt of federal high-cost support universal service funds. On December 16, 2013, U.S. Cellular filed a motion asking the Commission to allow it to relinquish its ETC designation for a portion of its authorized area.

U.S. Cellular's motion explains that on December 13, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved the assignment of certain properties held by U.S. Cellular to Verizon Wireless. The motion seeks to amend the scope of U.S. Cellular's ETC designation to exclude the service areas that will be transferred to Verizon Wireless. The motion specifically identifies the service areas for which U.S. Cellular intends to relinquish its ETC designation as well as those areas for which it will retain its ETC designation. U.S. Cellular asks the Commission to rule upon its motion by December 23, so that the planned relinquishment can roughly coincide with the property transfer to Verizon Wireless

In response to U.S. Cellular's motion, the Commission ordered its Staff to file a recommendation by December 20, and allowed other parties until that date to file a recommendation. Staff filed its recommendation on December 23, advising the Commission to approve U.S. Cellular's motion. No other party filed a recommendation.

Having reviewed U.S. Cellular's motion and Staff's recommendation, the Commission concludes it should grant the motion. As requested by U.S. Cellular, the Commission will make this order effective on December 23.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Motion to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier is granted.

- 2. This order shall become effective on December 23, 2013.
- 3. This file shall be closed on December 24, 2013.

## BY THE COMMISSION



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2013.