BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

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Issue Date: December 16, 2013 Effective Date: December 16, 2013

On December 16, 2013, USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular, filed a motion asking the Missouri Public Service Commission to authorize it to relinquish a portion of the area for which it is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier with respect to federal universal service support under Section 214 of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, and the implementing regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. In particular, U.S. Cellular asks to relinquish its ETC designation for those portions of its service area that it is assigning to Verizon Wireless.

U.S. Cellular explains that the FCC approved the assignment of those areas to Verizon Wireless on December 13, to be effective on December 12. U.S. Cellular represents that each area for which it seeks to relinquish its ETC status is also served by an incumbent local exchange carrier that has ETC status. As a result, no customer in the affected areas will lose service.

U.S. Cellular asks the Commission to approve its motion by December 23, so that the relinquishment of the service areas will roughly coincide with the assignment of those areas to Verizon Wireless. Therefore, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation regarding that motion and will establish a date for the filing of a recommendation by any other party.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation regarding USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Motion to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier no later than December 20, 2013.

2. Any other party wishing to file a recommendation regarding USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Motion to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier shall do so no later than December 20, 2013.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.



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 16th day of December, 2013.