

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

In the Matter of a Repository Docket in Which to )  
Gather Information about the Lifeline Program and )  
Evaluate the Purposes and Goals of the ) **File No. TW-2014-**  
Missouri Universal Service Fund )

**MOTION TO OPEN A REPOSITORY DOCKET AND  
SUBMISSION OF THE STAFF’S LIFELINE REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and moves the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to open a repository docket in which to gather information about the Lifeline Program and evaluate the purposes and goals of the Missouri Universal Service Fund and states as follows:

1. Attached is the Staff’s Lifeline Report, which reviews in-depth the low-income portion of the federal Universal Service Program (“Lifeline”) and the Missouri Universal Service fund, which provides additional support for certain low-income telecommunications customers.
2. In that report, the Staff recommends that the Commission seek industry and consumer input in order to help make basic policy decisions regarding the Lifeline program.
3. The Staff wishes to draw the Commission’s attention to the part of the report that discusses companies’ compliance (or non-compliance) with statutes, rules, and MoUSF Board direction. Additional information about the companies’ processes and reasons for non-compliance will help the Staff establish rules and procedures to increase compliance.
4. The Staff plans to invite comments from interest stakeholders and conduct such other investigation as necessary. In the event that the Staff desires Commission action, it will request that action in a separate docket.

5. If the Commission grants this Motion, the Staff would welcome any instruction or guidance the Commission may wish to impart to the Staff about this matter in the Order establishing the requested docket.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully moves the Commission to open a repository docket in which to gather information and assess the availability of broadband services in the State of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

