

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 20th
day of June, 2018.

In the Matter of a Request for Variance from the
Filing Requirements of 4 CSR 240-31.130

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File No. TE-2018-0372

**ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO SUBMIT
ANNUAL ETC FILING**

Issue Date: June 20, 2018

Effective Date: June 30, 2018

On June 12, 2018, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to grant a variance from a provision of the Commission's rules. Staff's motion explains that Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-31.130(3)(A) and 31.130(3)(B) require Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs)¹ to file certain information and documents with the Commission by July 1 of each year. One of the documents the ETC's must file with the Commission is a copy of the annual report they are required to file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under federal law.²

The FCC has issued an order granting an extension of the federal filing deadline to July 16. Staff reports the ETCs have asked whether Missouri's filing deadlines will also be extended. Staff explains it would be reasonable for the Commission to extend Missouri's filing deadlines to match that established by the FCC, and asks the

¹ ETCs are telecommunications carriers eligible to receive payments from the Lifeline and High Cost programs under the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) governed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

² Missouri's filing requirements are found at Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-31.130(3)(A)3 and 31.130(3)(B)2. The federal regulations are 47 CFR 54.422 and 54.313.

Commission to grant a waiver from its rule to extend the filing deadlines for this year to July 16.³

Staff's request for variance is reasonable and the Commission will grant that request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's Request for Variance is granted.
2. The deadlines for submitting annual filing requirements for ETCs, established by Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-31.130(3)(A) (Lifeline Support) and 31.130(3)(B) (High Cost Support), are extended for this year to July 16, 2018.
3. This order shall be effective on June 30, 2018.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

³ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.130(4)(D) gives the Commission authority to grant a waiver of any provision of Chapter 31 for good cause.

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 20th day of June 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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