

**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) **File No. TO-2005-0384**
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully states as follows:

1. USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC d/b/a U.S. Cellular (“the Company”) filed a Motion on May 17, 2013, asking the Commission to authorize it to relinquish a portion of the area in which it holds designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”).

2. The request is the result of a merger with another carrier that also holds an ETC designation. The Staff has reviewed the request and finds it reasonable.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission allow U.S. Cellular to relinquish its ETC status in certain areas of Missouri, as set forth in its Motion.

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 24th day of May, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. M. Dady", is centered below the text.