

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Proposed Modifications to)
the Missouri Universal Service Fund) File No. TO-2019-0346

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 7, 2020

Effective Date: October 7, 2020

The Commission suspended the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) on November 21, 2019. On October 6, 2020, the Staff of the Commission filed a Memorandum.

In that Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission continue to suspend the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) assessment through December 31, 2021. Staff also proposes that the MoUSF support amount for Lifeline voice-only service be increased from \$16.75 to \$18.75 if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continues with its plan to reduce support by \$2.00 on December 1, 2020.

If the Commission approves Staff's proposal to increase MoUSF support, then Staff also recommends that landline Lifeline providers receive as much advance notice as possible prior to December 1, 2020, to give them flexibility to implement the higher support amount. Staff also recommends the Commission solicit feedback from outside parties at this time to permit more time flexibility.

The Commission will allow comments from stakeholders concerning Staff's notice.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to Staff's October 6, 2020 notice shall do so no later than October 21, 2020.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of October, 2020.