

# 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: September 7, 2021

Effective Date: September 7, 2021

The Commission suspended the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) on November 21, 2019. On September 2, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a Notice.

In that Notice, Staff recommends that the Commission continue to suspend the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) assessment through September 30, 2022. Staff also proposes that the MoUSF support amount for Lifeline voice-only service be increased from \$18.75 to \$24.00, if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continues with its plan to eliminate support on December 1, 2021.

If the Commission approves Staff's proposal to increase MoUSF support, then Staff also recommends that landline Lifeline providers receive flexibility to implement the higher support amount any time from December 1, 2021 through February 1, 2022. Staff also asks the Commission to provide updated information and a final assessment recommendation by June 1, 2022. Finally, Staff recommends the Commission solicit feedback from outside parties to be filed by October 1, 2021. Staff does so for the Commission to have outside parties' comments before the next Missouri USF Board meeting, which is likely to occur in October, 2021.

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

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any stakeholder wishing to respond to Staff's September 2, 2021 notice shall do so no later than October 1, 2021.
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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**September 7, 2021**

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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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