# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: May 25, 2022 Effective Date: May 25, 2022

The Commission initially suspended the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) assessment on November 21, 2019, and it is currently suspended until September 2022. On May 25, 2022, the Staff of the Commission filed a Notice recommending the Commission continue to suspend the assessment through December 31, 2022. Thereafter, Staff recommends the Commission reinstate the assessment beginning on January 1, 2023, at a rate of .0015 or .0020 depending on whether MoUSF Lifeline voice-only support is increased. Staff recommends that support be increased from \$18.75 to \$24.00, if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reduces federal Lifeline voice-only support by \$5.25 on December 1, 2022. If the Commission approves Staff's proposal to increase MoUSF Lifeline voice-only support, Staff recommends companies be given flexibility to implement the higher support amount any time from December 1, 2022 through February 1, 2023. Finally, Staff recommends the Commission seek comments from interested stakeholders.

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

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any stakeholder wishing to respond to Staff's May 25, 2022 notice shall do so no later than June 24, 2022.

# 2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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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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