

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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

STAFF’S NOTICE OF FCC ORDER REGARDING EBBP

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Notice of Federal Communications Commission Order Regarding Emergency Broadband Benefit Program* in this matter hereby states:

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) is a provision included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Act), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020. Like the Lifeline Program, EBBP is designed to offer discounted broadband service to qualifying low-income consumers, albeit on a temporary basis. Staff previously filed a *Motion* seeking clarification of the Commission’s prior *Order* regarding Missouri Universal Service Fund support in this docket. Staff now provides the Commission notice of the Federal Communications Commission’s order regarding implementation of the EBBP. The FCC’s order indicates EBBP should be operational sometime within the next 60 days.¹ A Missouri Commission order providing clarification about Missouri USF support will be most beneficial if clarification is issued prior to EBBP becoming operational.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Notice*; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

¹ Report and Order; In the Matter of Emergency Broadband Benefit Program; WC Docket No. 20-445; FCC 21-29; released February 26, 2021; ¶11 states, “...We also direct the Bureau to announce at a later date other administrative deadlines or milestones, such as when the EBB Program will begin and when providers may begin enrolling subscribers in the program. We expect that the EBB Program and the enrollment process will begin in less than 60 days after the adoption of this Order.”.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 1st day of March, 2021, to all counsel of record.

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