BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Amount Assessed) on Companies to Fund the Missouri) File No. TO-2013-0397 Universal Service Fund)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO DECREASE ASSESSMENT

Issue Date: February 19, 2013 Effective Date: February 19, 2013

On February 15, 2013, the Staff of the Commission, acting at the request of the Missouri Universal Service Board, filed a motion asking the Commission to approve a decrease of the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) assessment rate from .0025 to .0017. The motion asks the Commission to implement the revised assessment rate to be effective on July 1, 2013.

The Commission will provide notice of the filing of Staff's motion to affected telecommunications carriers and will establish March 1, 2013, as the deadline for submission of applications to intervene, or for the submission of any other response to Staff's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Data Center shall send this notice and order to all interexchange carriers, competitive local exchange carriers, incumbent local exchange carriers, and IVoIP providers doing business in Missouri.
- 2. Any person or entity wishing to apply to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than March 1, 2013.

- 3. Any person or entity otherwise wishing to respond to Staff's motion to reduce the Missouri Universal Service Fund assessment rate from .0025 to .0017 shall do so no later than March 1, 2013.
 - 4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Shelley Brueggemann Acting Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, On this 19th day of February, 2013

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge