

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
YourTel America, Inc., for Designation as )  
an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. )

Case No. CO-2008-0334

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On April 11, 2008, YourTel filed an application seeking modification of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to include additional exchanges for the purpose of receiving low income federal universal service support.

2. YourTel was initially granted ETC status in Case No. CO-2003-0094 in 2003 to receive low income support for Lifeline and Link-up services in Missouri. By this application, YourTel seeks to add exchanges in the St. Louis metropolitan area to its currently approved ETC areas.

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve YourTel's application.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the application of YourTel to add exchanges in the St. Louis area to its existing ETC designation for the purpose of receiving low income federal universal service support.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2008.

/s/ Steven C. Reed  
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# MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. CO-2008-0334  
Company Name: YourTel America, Inc.

From: Adam McKinnie  
Telecommunications Department

/s/ John Van Eschen / 05/21/08  
Utility Operations Division/Date

/s/ Steven C. Reed / 05/21/08  
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Recommending approval of YourTel's request for additional exchanges to be included in existing ETC Designation to include additional exchanges for the purpose of receiving low income federal universal service support.

Date: May 21, 2008

## Summary

YourTel America, Inc. (YourTel) has filed an Application to add additional exchanges in the St. Louis area to its existing designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC).

Staff recommends approval of the Application.

## Introduction:

On April 11, 2008, YourTel, a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), filed an "Application for Modification of Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Missouri" (Application). The Application is to add additional exchanges to YourTel's existing designation in Missouri as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)

## History:

YourTel (f/k/a The Pager and Phone Company) received its original ETC designation in Case No. CO-2003-0094 under a Commission order effective April 11, 2003 (Original ETC Order). This Original ETC Order approved a Stipulation and Agreement filed by YourTel (then known as The Pager and Phone Company) and signed onto by Missouri Public Commission Staff (Staff) and the Office of the Public counsel (OPC).

The Original ETC Order designated YourTel an ETC in 13 exchanges in the Springfield and Kansas City areas.

Instant Application:

On April 11, 2008, YourTel filed the instant Application. This Application requests YourTel to be designated as an ETC in an additional 21 exchanges. These exchanges are in and around the city of St. Louis where AT&T Missouri is the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC)

The Application states that YourTel will comply with all ETC designation requirements, including Missouri's ETC Rule, 4 CSR 240-3.570. The Application also states that it will provide the nine services listed in Section 254(c) of the Telecommunications Act in the 21 exchanges through a combination of its own facilities and those of AT&T (paragraph 10 of the Application).

YourTel, in the Application, commits to "comply with all applicable requirements of the Commission's April 11, 2003 Order." (Paragraph 14) This includes the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) in the Original ETC Order.

YourTel, in the Application, also includes a public interest analysis (paragraphs 23-27 of the Application). YourTel discusses increased customer choice, increased subscribership, and YourTel's proposed investment in the St. Louis area as factors contributing to the public interest.

Analysis / Conclusion:

Staff has reviewed the instant Application. The instant Application complies with the ETC Rule and applicable federal standards. YourTel has also committed to complying with the terms of the Original ETC Order, including the Stipulation and Agreement within said order.

Staff recommends approval of the Application.

☒ YourTel America, Inc. is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

☐ The Company is delinquent: (☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment.  
Amount owed: )