

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of June, 2022.

In the Matter of the Petition of Conexon)
Connect LLC for Expanded Lifeline-Only)
Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier) **File No. DA-2022-0305**

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO EXPAND DESIGNATION
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

Issue Date: June 29, 2022

Effective Date: July 29, 2022

On May 2, 2022, Conexon Connect LLC (Conexon) applied to expand its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to offer federal Lifeline benefits to qualified households in additional areas in the State of Missouri. By that request, Conexon also seeks authority to expand its ETC status in order to participate in the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) and receive MoUSF subsidies, including the Missouri Lifeline and Disabled Programs, in these additional areas in the State of Missouri.¹

Conexon was recently awarded federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support to build broadband facilities in more rural areas. The RDOF funding requires Conexon to extend broadband service to a designated number of locations in certain census blocks. Conexon seeks to expand its ETC designation to include the census

¹ The Commission designated Conexon as an ETC carrier in File No. DA-2021-0193, which was later expanded to grant authority to participate in the MoUSF in File No. DA-2021-0292.

blocks it was awarded. Conexon included Attachment A with its application which outlines the specific census blocks for which it requests designation.

The Commission issued notice and set a deadline for intervention. No person or entity sought intervention in this matter.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and on June 16, 2022, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Conexon's request for expansion of its ETC designation to the areas identified by census blocks in Attachment A of Conexon's verified application. Staff stated that Conexon has met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.² Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.³ Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission.⁴ Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the verified filings.

Based upon its review of the verified application and Staff's recommendation and memorandum, the Commission finds that Conexon has met the requirements to extend its ETC designation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Conexon's application is granted. Conexon is granted ETC designation in all census block groups described in Attachment A of its application.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

³ *In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Co.'s Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Elec. Serv. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 509 S.W.3d 757, 783-784 (Mo. App. W.D. 2016).

⁴ *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

2. This order shall become effective on July 29, 2022.
3. This case shall be closed on July 30, 2022.



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

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge


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 29th day of June, 2022.





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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