

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of GTech Fiber, )  
LLC for its Designation as a Telecommunications )  
Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service ) **File No. DA-2023-0077**  
Support pursuant to the Telecommunications Act )  
of 1996 )

**ORDER GRANTING ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
DESIGNATION IN CERTAIN AREAS**

Issue Date: October 19, 2022

Effective Date: November 18, 2022

On August 17, 2022, GTech Fiber, LLC (GTech) filed an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in order to participate in the Lifeline Program and the federal Affordable Connectivity Program. GTech states in its application that it has been awarded funding to build broadband facilities in Missouri in the census blocks listed and the area depicted in Attachment B of its application<sup>1</sup>. GTech requests a Commission order granting ETC designation for that area. GTech is already registered in Missouri as an interconnected voice over internet protocol (IVoIP) provider.

The Commission issued notice and set a deadline for intervention. No parties have intervened in this matter, nor has any party requested a hearing.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and filed its recommendation on September 29, 2022. Staff stated that GTech has met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 and recommended the

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<sup>1</sup> The two-page attachment has the heading "Appendix 'B'," rather than "Attachment 'B'."

Commission grant GTech statewide designation as an ETC. On October 7, 2022, responding to a Commission order, Staff clarified that they had inadvertently recommended the Commission grant GTech statewide ETC status and, instead, recommended GTech be granted ETC designation “as requested and outlined in Appendix ‘B’ of the Company’s Application.”

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

Based upon its review of the verified application, Staff’s recommendation and memorandum, and the supplemental filings, the Commission finds that GTech has met the requirements for ETC designation and will approve its application.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. GTech Fiber, LLC is granted ETC designation for purposes of participation in the Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program in census blocks 2006-2010, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021-2023, 2030-2041, and 2043-2051, as set forth in Appendix B of its application, attached to this order.
2. This order shall become effective on November 18, 2022.
3. This file shall be closed on November 21, 2022.

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<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

<sup>3</sup> *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).

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



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge

**APPENDIX "B"**

**MAP and LIST OF CENSUS BLOCKS IN WHICH  
APPLICANT SEEKS DESIGNATION  
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

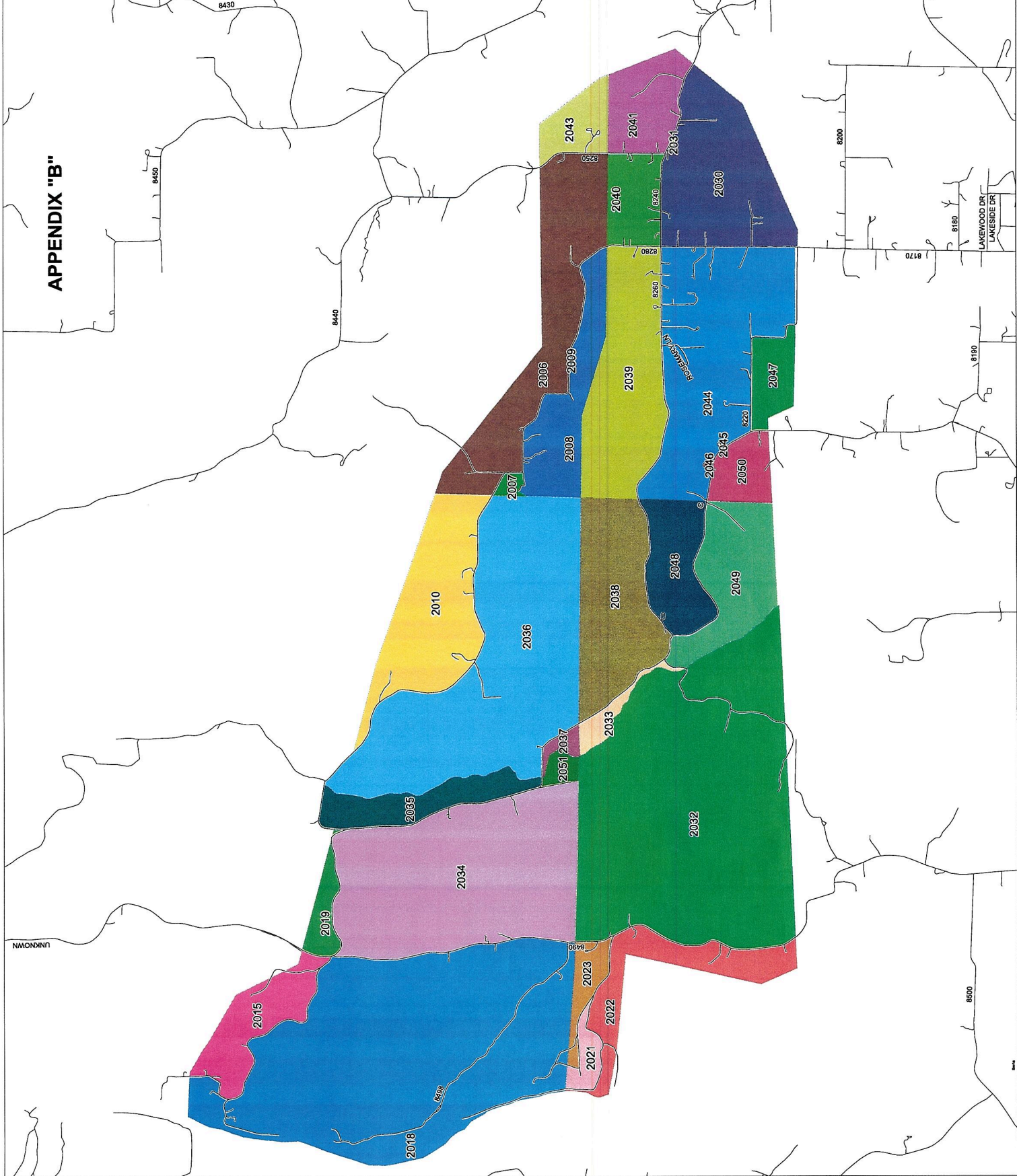
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# APPENDIX "B"

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**October 19, 2022**

**File/Case No. DA-2023-0077**

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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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