

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of Cable One,            )  
Inc. d/b/a Sparklight for Designation as an            )  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to Receive        )  
Federal Lifeline and State Lifeline Support            ) **File No. DA-2022-0008**

**ORDER GRANTING DESIGNATION AS  
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

Issue Date: August 25, 2021

Effective Date: September 24, 2021

On July 6, 2021, Cable One VoIP LLC d/b/a Sparklight filed an application for designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC).<sup>1</sup> Sparklight's parent company participates in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program. The EBB Program is temporary, and Sparklight seeks to continue to offer broadband services at a discounted rate after the EBB program expires.

The Commission issued notice and set a deadline for intervention. No person or entity sought intervention in this matter, and no party has requested a hearing.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and on August 6, 2021, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommends the Commission grant Sparklight ETC status for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and Missouri Universal Service Fund (USF) support in the area identified by Exhibit 1 of the application. Staff states Sparklight meets the

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<sup>1</sup> Sparklight is presently certificated to provide IVoIP service.

requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers. Staff notes that Sparklight requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017, and recommends that such waiver be granted.

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, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.<sup>4</sup> 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 Sparklight has met the requirements for ETC designation. Further, for good cause shown, Sparklight will be granted a waiver of the 60-day filing requirement of the Commission's rules.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Sparklight's application is granted. Sparklight is granted ETC designation for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and Missouri USF support in the area described in Exhibit 1 to its application.
2. Sparklight is granted a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.
3. This order shall become effective on September 24, 2021.

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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).

4. This file shall be closed on September 25, 2021.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "W".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Pridgin, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.**



  
**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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