# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of	)	
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Joint Application of Charter Fiberlink –	)	
Missouri, LLC and Time Warner Cable	)	File No. TA-2021-0204
Information Services (Missouri), LLC for	)	
Designation as Eligible Telecommunications	)	
Carriers to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity	)	
Fund Auction (Auction 904) Support for	)	
Voice and Broadband Services	)	
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#### **Second Notice of Change to ETC-Designated Service Areas**

Charter Fiberlink - Missouri, LLC ("Charter Fiberlink")<sup>1</sup> hereby notifies the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") of the following additional changes to its ETC-designated service area.<sup>2</sup> In support of this Second Notice, Charter Fiberlink submits the following:

1. In its April 7, 2021 *Order Granting Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier* (the "ETC Designation Order"), the Commission designated Charter Fiberlink and TWCIS (collectively the "Charter Entities") as ETCs in those census blocks identified in Exhibits A and B to the Charter Entities' ETC joint application.<sup>3</sup> The Commission also provided that the Charter Entities could modify their ETC-designated service areas to remove any census blocks that the FCC may remove from eligibility for RDOF support:

If the FCC removes any such census block from eligibility for RDOF support then the Company or Companies will file into this case file a copy of the FCC documentation removing the census

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Charter Fiberlink - Missouri, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. In this Second Notice, Charter Fiberlink is also referred to as "Charter."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission granted ETC status to both Charter Fiberlink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri), LLC ("TWCIS"), and the First Notice of Change included withdrawn census blocks for both Charter Fiberlink and TWCIS. As discussed below, this Second Notice of Change includes only census blocks awarded to Charter Fiberlink; there are no further changes to TWCIS's census blocks or ETC territory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Joint Application of Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri), LLC for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction (Auction 904) Support for Voice and Broadband Services and Request for Expedited Consideration, File No. TA-2021-0204 (filed January 6, 2021).

block. Such a filing will cause the census block to be removed from the indicated company's ETC designated service area automatically and without further action by the Commission.

#### ETC Designation Order, at 3.

- 2. After the ETC Designation Order was entered, the Federal Communications Commission issued public notices indicating that the Charter Entities will not receive RDOF support in certain census blocks that CCO Holdings, LLC had initially won in the RDOF auction and assigned to the Charter Entities.<sup>4</sup> In response to these public notices, the Charter Entities filed their first *Notice of Change to ETC-Designated Service Areas* with the Commission on October 26, 2021 (the "First Notice"). The First Notice identified census blocks that were originally awarded to the Charter Entities in the RDOF Phase 1 Auction, but which were removed from RDOF eligibility following the issuance of the Commission's ETC Designation Order. In accordance with the ETC Designation Order, the First Notice amended the Charter Entities' ETC-designated service area without further action of the Commission.
- 3. Through this Second Notice, Charter Fiberlink notifies the Commission of additional census blocks that were originally awarded to Charter Fiberlink for RDOF support through the Phase 1 Auction, but which were removed from RDOF support following the submission of the First Notice. There are no additional census blocks being removed from RDOF support for TWCIS in Missouri.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Public Notice – Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Bid Defaults Announced, WC Docket No. 19-126 (FCC July 26, 2021), available at <a href="https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-910A1.pdf">https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-910A1.pdf</a> and Attachment A thereto, available at <a href="https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-910A2.pdf">https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-910A2.pdf</a> (regarding the return of 67 Missouri census blocks by Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC); see also Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Preliminary List of Areas Subject to Default Announced; Corrections Sought, DA 21-1256 (FCC Oct. 7, 2021), available at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/document/rural-digital-opportunity-fund-preliminary-defaults-announced">https://www.fcc.gov/document/rural-digital-opportunity-fund-preliminary-defaults-announced</a>, and Preliminary List of Areas Subject to Default in Response to July 26th Letter (10/7/2021), available at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/file/21940/download">https://www.fcc.gov/file/21940/download</a> (regarding the return of 2 additional Missouri census blocks by Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC). On October 1, 2021, Charter informed FCC Staff of certain additional census block groups that Charter had originally won in the RDOF auction, for which it is no longer applying for RDOF support in Missouri. This list has not yet been publicly released by the FCC, but Charter expects that it will be at a later date.

4. **Exhibit 1** hereto identifies those additional census blocks that have been removed from Charter Fiberlink's RDOF support and that are therefore removed from Charter Fiberlink's ETC-designated services area. **Exhibit 2** hereto provides revised lists of the census blocks in which Charter Fiberlink remains designated as an ETC following the removal of the census blocks identified in the First Notice and this Second Notice.

WHEREFORE, Charter Fiberlink requests that the Commission take notice of this filing. Respectfully submitted, January 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Charter Fiberlink - Missouri, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri), LLC

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## **EXHIBIT 1**

 $\textbf{Exhibit 1} - List \ of \ Additional \ Census \ Blocks \ Where \ Charter \ Fiberlink \ - \ Missouri, \ LLC \ is \ No \ Longer \ Receiving \ RDOF \ Auction \ Support$ 

## EXHIBIT 2

**Exhibit 2** – List of Census Blocks forming Charter Fiberlink - Missouri, LLC's ETC Designated Service Area

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 14th day of January, 2022, to all counsel of record.

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