

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of yondoo	)	
Broadband, LLC for Designation as an	)	
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the	)	<b><u>File No. DA-2021-0258</u></b>
State of Missouri	)	

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

Issue Date: March 31, 2021

Effective Date: April 30, 2021

On February 15, 2021, yondoo Broadband, LLC (yondoo) requested authority to be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC).<sup>1</sup> yondoo was recently awarded federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support to build broadband facilities in more rural areas. The RDOF funding requires yondoo to extend broadband service to a designated number of locations in certain census blocks. yondoo seeks ETC designation, as well as Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) support, to include the census blocks it was awarded. yondoo included Exhibit 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, and no party has requested a hearing.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and on March 16, 2021, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve yondoo's request for designation as an

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<sup>1</sup> yondoo is presently certificated in Missouri to provide interconnected voice over internet protocol (IVoIP) services.

eligible telecommunications carriers for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and MoUSF support for census blocks identified in Exhibit A. Staff stated yondoo met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers. Staff notes that yondoo 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 yondoo has met the requirements for ETC designation. Further, for good cause shown, yondoo will be granted a waiver of the 60-day filing requirement of the Commission's rules.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. yondoo's application is granted. yondoo is granted ETC designation in all census block groups described in Exhibit A to its application.
2. yondoo is authorized to receive MoUSF support.
3. yondoo is granted a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

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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 order shall become effective on April 30, 2021.
5. This file shall be closed on May 1, 2021.



**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., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and  
Holsman CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge