

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 2nd day of March, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of Steelville Long Distance Company d/b/a STE Communications for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal and State Lifeline and Disabled Support)
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) **File No. CA-2022-0185**
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**ORDER GRANTING DESIGNATION AS
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

Issue Date: March 2, 2022

Effective Date: April 1, 2022

On January 12, 2022, Steelville Long Distance Company d/b/a STE Communications (STE) filed an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) throughout the state of Missouri in order to provide federal and state Lifeline and Disabled support to provide discounts to qualifying low-income and disabled subscribers.¹ In addition, STE requested waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017. STE supplemented its application by filing an amendment on February 17, 2022. STE is certificated by the Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC).²

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 February 18, 2022. Staff recommended that the Commission

¹ 20 CSR 4240-31.014.

² File No. CA-2021-0117.

approve STE's application for ETC designation. Staff stated that STE has met the ETC application requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016, as well as federal requirements.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.³ Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.⁴ Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.⁵ 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 STE has met the requirements for ETC designation.

STE requested waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017. STE's request for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement was unopposed. The Commission finds good cause exists to waive the 60-day notice requirement based on STE's verified declaration that it had no communication with the Commission regarding substantive issues likely to arise in this file within 150 days before filing its application.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

⁴ *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).

⁵ *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. STE's application for designation as an ETC throughout the state of Missouri is granted.

2. The ETC designation shall be limited to the Lifeline and Disabled programs.

3. This order shall become effective on April 1, 2022.

4. This file shall be closed on April 2, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Seyer, 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 2nd day of March, 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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