

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Air Link            )  
Rural Broadband, LLC for Designation as            )  
An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier            )  
In the State of Missouri                                )  
**File No.: DA-2019-0102**

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE  
AND SETTING DATE FOR INTERVENTION**

Issue Date: October 15, 2018

Effective Date: October 15, 2018

On October 12, 2018, Air Link Rural Broadband, LLC, (“Company”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in the State of Missouri. The Company’s application states that it was a successful bidder in the Federal Communication Commission’s (“FCC”) Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase II reverse auction. The application states that the CAF program is a part of the FCC’s reform and modernization of its universal service support program to accelerate broadband build-out to those who lack access to infrastructure capable of providing at least 10/1 Mbps fixed broadband. The Company’s application states that it has been allocated \$11,371,438.40 (“CAF II Funds”) over a ten-year period to help offset the cost of deploying wireless and fiber for broadband connections in its service area and that it is requesting an ETC designation in order to receive the CAF II Funds allocated to it through the reverse auction.

The Company’s application alleges that the Company meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements for an ETC designation. The Company states that the FCC CAF II rules did not require an ETC designation to participate in the reverse auction but that the

rules do require the Company to certify that it has ETC designation within 180 days of the release of the Public Notice closing the auction. The Company, accordingly, requests that the Commission expedite its approval for ETC designation.

The Commission will issue notice, set a deadline for intervention requests, and direct the filing of a recommendation by the Staff of the Commission.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice of this application to all eligible telecommunications carriers authorized to provide broadband services in Missouri.
2. Any request to intervene shall be filed with the Commission no later than November 14, 2018. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Or with the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

3. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation no later than November 29, 2018.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Commission**

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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**

**Distributed to all Eligible Telecommunications Carriers authorized to provide Broadband Services in Missouri.**

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