

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of GTech )  
Fiber, LLC for its Designation as a )  
Telecommunications Carrier Eligible for ) **File No. DA-2023-0077**  
Federal Universal Service Support pursuant )  
to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RESPONSE

Issue Date: October 6, 2022

Effective Date: October 6, 2022

On August 17, 2022, GTech Fiber, LLC (GTech) applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in order to participate in the Lifeline Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program.

At the close of its application, GTech “requests that the Commission enter an Order granting an ETC designation to GTech Fiber, LLC, in the census blocks listed and area depicted in Attachment [sic] ‘B’ hereto.” Appendix “B” lists the numbers for 32 contiguous census blocks and provides a map of them. Paragraph 24 of the application refers to the area as “Tick Creek,” located in Doolittle, Missouri.

At the request of the Commission, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a *Staff Recommendation* regarding GTech’s application on September 29, 2022. In its filing, Staff recommended that the Commission grant GTech “statewide designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and Missouri USF [Universal Service Fund] support to provide Lifeline and Disabled services in Missouri . . . .”

As there appears to be a conflict between what GTech is requesting and what Staff is recommending, the Commission will ask for clarification from Staff.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff shall file a response by October 11, 2022, either verifying their recommendation that GTech be granted statewide ETC designation or specifying the service area for which it recommends the Commission grant ETC designation.
2. Should it choose to do so, GTech shall file a response to Staff's filing no later than October 13, 2022.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**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

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.


**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**October 6, 2022**

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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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