

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of July, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of Fidelity)
Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications to)
Amend and Expand its Designation as an Eligible) **File No. CA-2021-0415**
Telecommunications Carrier to Receive Federal)
Lifeline and State Lifeline Support)

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

Issue Date: July 22, 2021

Effective Date: August 21, 2021

On June 1, 2021, Fidelity Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications filed its application for expanded designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC).¹ Fidelity Communications is participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program. The EBB Program is temporary, and Fidelity Communications seeks to expand its ETC designation to ensure subscribers can continue to receive discounted services after the EBB program expires.

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 July 2, 2021, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommends the Commission expand Fidelity Communications' ETC status for the

¹ Fidelity Communications is presently certificated as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC).

purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income Lifeline support in the area identified by Exhibit 1. Staff stated Fidelity Communications met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers. Staff notes that Fidelity Communications 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.² Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.³ Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.⁴ 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 Fidelity Communications has met the requirements for ETC designation. Further, for good cause shown, Fidelity Communications will be granted a waiver of the 60-day filing requirement of the Commission's rules.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Fidelity Communications' application is granted. Fidelity Communications is granted expanded ETC designation for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income Lifeline support in the area described in Exhibit 1 to its application.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

³ *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).

⁴ *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

2. Fidelity Communications is granted a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

3. This order shall become effective on August 21, 2021.

4. This file shall be closed on August 22, 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., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Pridgin, 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 22nd day of July, 2021.





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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