

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 12th day of October, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of N.W.)
Communications Co. d/b/a Fastwyre Broadband for)
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications) **File No. CA-2023-0085**
Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal and State)
Lifeline and Disabled Support)

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

Issue Date: October 12, 2022

Effective Date: November 11, 2022

On August 30, 2022, N.W. Communications Co. d/b/a Fastwyre Broadband (Fastwyre) filed its original application with the Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting a designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for receiving federal low-income support, and state low-income and disabled support to provide Lifeline and Disabled services (Missouri USF) to qualifying Missouri residents. The Commission issued notice and set a deadline for intervention. No intervention requests were received.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and filed its recommendation and memorandum on September 28. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Fastwyre's request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for federal low-income support and Missouri USF. Staff stated Fastwyre met the requirements of Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-31.014 and 20 CSR 4240-31.016, governing eligible telecommunications carriers.

Fastwyre also requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017. Fastwyre stated that it had no communication with the Office of the Commission within the 150 days prior to filing its application regarding any

substantive issue likely to be in this case. Staff recommended that the waiver be granted.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.¹ Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.² Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission.³ 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 Fastwyre has met the requirements for ETC designation. Further, for good cause shown, Fastwyre will be granted a waiver of the 60-day filing requirement of the Commission's rules.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Fastwyre's application is granted. Fastwyre is granted statewide ETC status for receiving federal low-income support and Missouri USF.
2. Fastwyre 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 November 11, 2022.
4. This file shall be closed on November 14, 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.

Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

² *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).

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

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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 12th day of October, 2022.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE 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**

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