

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9th day of June, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application for Starbeam)
HSI, LLC for Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier) **File No. DA-2022-0280**

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

Issue Date: June 9, 2022

Effective Date: July 9, 2022

On April 12, 2022, Starbeam HSI, LLC, (“Starbeam”) filed its original application with the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting a designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in parts of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. On May 3, 2022, and May 21, 2022, Starbeam submitted updated applications clarifying its request for ETC designation as statewide. 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 on June 3, 2022, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Starbeam’s request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carriers for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support for census blocks identified in the application. Staff stated Starbeam met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers. Staff notes that Starbeam 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.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, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.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 Starbeam has met the requirements for ETC designation. Further, for good cause shown, Starbeam will be granted a waiver of the 60-day filing requirement of the Commission's rules.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Starbeam's application is granted. Starbeam is granted ETC status for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support statewide.
2. Starbeam 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 July 9, 2022.
4. This file shall be closed on July 11, 2021.



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 9th day of June, 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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