

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Chariton Valley Communications Corporation for Expansion of its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Eligible for Universal Service Support Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)
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File No.: CA-2019-0108

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO EXPAND DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

Issue Date: December 21, 2018

Effective Date: December 31, 2018

On October 19, 2018, Chariton Valley Communications Corporation (the “Company”) filed its application for the expansion of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”). The Company asked that its ETC designation be expanded to include 12 additional service area block groups for which it has been awarded high-cost support because it was a winning bidder in a Connect American Fund Phase II (“CAF II”) auction conducted by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”). The Company also asked the Commission to expand its ETC designation so that it can provide lifeline and disabled support to the entire state of Missouri. The Commission issued notice, set a deadline for intervention requests, and directed the filing of a recommendation by the Staff of the Commission (the “Staff”). On November 28, 2018, the Staff filed its recommendation.¹

The approval of the Company’s request will permit it to receive federal support pursuant to the CAF II auction held by the Federal Communications Commission and for Lifeline. The CAF II program is part of the FCC’s reform and modernization of its universal service fund support programs designed to accelerate the expansion of broadband services

¹ EFIS Item No. 4.

to rural areas and any areas which presently lack the infrastructure capable to support at least 10/1 Mbps of fixed broadband services. The Company has been previously approved to provide basic local telecommunications services in Case No. TA-2002-0238 and to provide interexchange telecommunications services in Case No. CA-2006-0160. It was granted designation as an ETC in Case No. TA-2012-0128. The Company included an Exhibit A² with its Application which outlines the specific census blocks for which it requests designation as a hi-cost and low-income and Lifeline services provider.³

Federal authority allows state commissions to grant ETC status to a company.⁴ Missouri's ETC application requirements are contained in Missouri Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.130(1). The Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB") has set out the Process for Obtaining a Federal Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.⁵ Based upon its independent and impartial review of the application and Staff recommendation, the Commission finds that the Company has met all federal and state requirements and that it is in the public interest to grant the application to extend the Company's designation as an ETC. The Commission will grant the Application for Expansion of Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Chariton Valley Communications Corporation's (the "Company") Application for Expansion of its Designation as a Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") (the

² Referred to elsewhere herein as "Attachment A1-2".

³ EFIS Item No. 1

⁴ 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2) and FCC Rule Section 54.201.

⁵ WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 10-90; DA 18-714; released July 10, 2018.

“Application”) is sustained. The Company is granted ETC designation in all 13 census block groups described in Attachment A1-2 of its Application.⁶

2. The Company’s Application for expanded ETC designation for the entire state of Missouri for lifeline/disabled purposes so that the Company can provide lifeline/disable services in all Missouri locations to which the Company builds and serves in addition to the areas described in Attachments A1-2 is sustained. The Company shall offer Lifeline discounts and Missouri Disabled Program support in conformity with the representations and commitments made in the Application.

3. Per this Order the Commission certifies to the FCC that the Company’s ETC designation covers all areas described in Attachments A1-2 of the Application and the whole state of Missouri for purposes of lifeline and disabled support.

4. This Order shall be effective on December 31, 2018.

5. The File will be closed on January 1, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

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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 21st day of December, 2018.

⁶ Attachment A1 is the list of the won census block groups by County. Attachment A2 is a map showing the census block groups in green shading and the Company’s current ETC designation service area in Macon, Missouri. The map also shows the service area of the Company’s parent corporation which is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation.

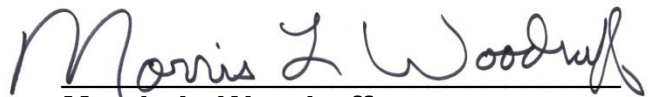
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 21st day of December 2018.




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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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