

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for a Waiver from     )  
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.015(3)(A)     )

**File No. TE-2019-0304**

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION DATE

Issue Date: April 5, 2019

Effective Date: April 5, 2019

On April 4, 2019, the Commission's Staff filed a request for a partial waiver of the filing requirement established by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.015(3)(A). That rule requires all telecommunications providers and interconnected voice over internet protocol providers that have been designated as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to annually file a copy of their Form 481. Staff's motion explains that the Form 481 required by the regulation is a form the ETCs are required to file by July 1 each year with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

In the past year, the FCC directed the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to allow state commissions to view the electronically-filed Form 481 of those ETCs eligible to receive high-cost support through the Universal Service Fund. USAC is not authorized to allow state commissions to view the Form 481 for ETCs eligible for only Lifeline support. Because it can view the Form 481 filed by ETCs eligible to receive high-cost support, Staff asks the Commission to waive the rule's requirement that those ETCs file a copy of the Form 481 with the Commission. Under Staff's proposal, ETCs eligible to receive only Lifeline support would still be required to file their Form 481 with the Commission.

The Commission will establish a deadline for any entity that may wish to apply to intervene and will direct its Data Center to serve a copy of this order upon all Missouri ETCs.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon all Missouri ETCs.
2. Any proper person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than April 25, 2019.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

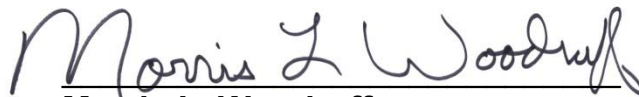
**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.**



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

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

***April 5, 2019***

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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**

**Distributed to all Missouri ETCs.**

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