

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 2024.

In the Matter of GTech Fiber, LLC's                    )  
Petition for Expanded Designation of an            )  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier                )  
Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the                )  
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended         )  
**File No. DA-2024-0219**

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

Issue Date: March 13, 2024

Effective Date: March 23, 2024

On January 30, 2024, GTech Fiber, LLC filed an application (Application) seeking expansion of its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC).<sup>1</sup> GTech Fiber seeks to participate in the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) Lifeline program, as well as participate in the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) and receive MoUSF subsidies, including the MoUSF Lifeline and Disabled Programs, in the additional census blocks identified in Exhibit A of the Application.

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 February 28, 2024, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve GTech Fiber's request to expand the area

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<sup>1</sup> GTech Fiber is presently designated as an ETC in the State of Missouri for purposes of participation in the Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program in specific census blocks. See File No. DA-2023-0077.

of its Lifeline-only ETC designation, as well as its request for authority to participate in the MoUSF program, throughout the census blocks identified by Exhibit A to the Application. Staff stated GTech Fiber met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.<sup>2</sup> Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.<sup>3</sup> Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission.<sup>4</sup> 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 GTech Fiber has met the requirements for ETC designation. In order to sooner allow GTech Fiber to serve new customers needing Lifeline and Disabled Programs, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. GTech Fiber's Application is granted. GTech Fiber's Lifeline-only ETC designation is expanded to the additional census blocks identified by Exhibit A, attached, as well as granted authority to participate in the MoUSF program, including the MoUSF Lifeline and Disabled Program in those same areas.

2. This order shall become effective on March 23, 2024.

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<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

<sup>3</sup> *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).

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

3. This file shall be closed on March 24, 2024.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman  
and Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**EXHIBIT A**

**LIST OF CENSUS BLOCKS IN WHICH  
PETITIONER SEEKS EXPANDED DESIGNATION  
AS A LIFELINE-ONLY AND MISSOURI USE  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

290299509001000	291258803001066	291258803001105	291258803001196
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290299509001004	291258803001072	291258803001109	291258803001200
290299509001005	291258803001073	291258803001111	291258803001201
290299509001006	291258803001074	291258803001112	291258803001229
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291258802981309	291258803001095	291258803001186	291258803002010
291258802981326	291258803001096	291258803001187	291258803002011
291258803001048	291258803001097	291258803001188	291258803002012
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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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