

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held in its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of March, 2024.

In the Matter of the Application of Easy Telephone Service Company d/b/a Easy Wireless to Amend And Expand its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to Receive Federal Lifeline and State Lifeline Support)
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File No. TA-2024-0216

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

Issue Date: March 21, 2024

Effective Date: March 31, 2024

On January 18, 2024, Easy Telephone Service Company d/b/a Easy Wireless filed its application for expansion of its designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC).¹ Easy Wireless seeks to expand that designation to apply statewide to be able to provide Lifeline service to all eligible low-income households.

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 March 1, 2024, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Easy Wireless' request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal low-income

¹ The Commission designated Easy Wireless as an ETC in File No. TA-2011-0164.

support. Staff stated Easy Wireless met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers. Staff notes that Easy Wireless 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.² Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.³ Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission.⁴ 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 Easy Wireless has met the requirements for ETC designation. Further, for good cause shown, Easy Wireless will be granted a waiver of the 60-day filing requirement of the Commission's rules. So that the ETC designation may take effect as soon as possible, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Easy Wireless' application is granted. Easy Wireless is granted ETC status for the purpose of receiving statewide federal low-income support.
2. Easy Wireless 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 March 31, 2024.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

³ *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).

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

4. This file shall be closed on April 1, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

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

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge.

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 March 2024.



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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,



**Nancy Dippell
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