

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held in its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of May, 2024.

In the Matter of the Application of Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone, Inc. d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal and State Lifeline and Disabled Support)
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) **File No. CA-2024-0284**
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**ORDER GRANTING DESIGNATION AS
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

Issue Date: May 22, 2024

Effective Date: June 1, 2024

On April 3, 2024, Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone, Inc. d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services (Green Hills Telecommunications Services) requested designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to be eligible to provide Lifeline service.¹ Green Hills Telecommunications Services requests ETC designation on a statewide basis for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support. Green Hills Telecommunications Services also requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

The Commission issued notice and set a deadline for intervention. No intervention requests were received.

¹ Green Hills was designated by the Commission as an ETC for purposes of receiving Federal Universal Service Fund in the Norborne, Missouri Exchange in Case No. CA-2003-0162.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and on May 6, 2024, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Green Hill Telecommunications Services' request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support on a statewide basis. Staff stated Green Hills Telecommunication Services 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.² Since no statute, ordinance, or constitutional provision 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 Green Hills Telecommunications Services has met the requirements for ETC designation.

Further, Green Hills Telecommunications Services' application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the Office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 150 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

² 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

³ *State ex rel. Yarber v. McHenry*, 915 S.W.2d 325, 328 (Mo. 1995).

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

So that Green Hills Telecommunications Services may begin providing services under its ETC designation in Missouri, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Green Hills Telecommunications Services' application is granted. Green Hills Telecommunications Services is designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support on a statewide basis.
2. Green Hills Telecommunications Services 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 June 1, 2024.
4. This file shall be closed on June 2, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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

Fewell, 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 22nd day of May 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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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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