

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Co-Mo)
Comm, Inc. d/b/a Co-Mo Connect to)
Expand its Eligible Telecommunications)
Carrier Designation to Participate in the)
Missouri Universal Service Fund)

File No. DA-2025-0054

RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation* in this matter hereby states:

1. On August 14, 2024, Co-Mo Comm, Inc. d/b/a Co-Mo Connect, (“Company” or “Co-Mo Connect”) filed *Co-Mo Comm, Inc. DBA Co-Mo Connect’s Application for Commission Authority to Receive Missouri Universal Service Fund Support* with the Commission requesting that the Commission issue an order expanding Co-Mo Connect’s designation as a high-cost and low-income eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”), ordered by the Commission in Case No. RA-2019-0088 and later expanded in Case No. DA-2021-0196, to include eligibility for Missouri Universal Service Fund support. The Company’s request, if approved, would permit it to receive state support for Missouri’s Lifeline and Disabled programs.

2. The Company is registered in the state of Missouri to provide interconnected voice over internet protocol (“IVoIP”) services. The Commission Orders issued in RA-2019-0088 and DA-2021-0196 grant Co-Mo Connect ETC designation for the specific census blocks outlined in its Exhibit A included with its Application in each case. Those exhibits are attached here for reference as Co-Mo Connect requests authority in all areas where the company currently holds ETC designation.

4. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-31.130 governs the specific eligible telecommunications carrier requirements that each applicant must meet. Applications must also comply with 20 CSR 4240-2.060 and shall be verified by oath as to the truthfulness contained in the application by an officer or director of the applicant. In lieu of a memorandum, Staff attests that the Company has met the requirements of these rules and commits to complying with the requirements going forward.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Co-Mo Comm, Inc. d/b/a Co-Mo Connect's, request for expansion of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to include Missouri Universal Service Fund support; that the designation be limited to the area identified by census blocks in Co-Mo Connect's, Exhibit A to its initial application in Case No. RA-2019-0088 and Exhibit A of its expansion application in Case No DA-2021-0196; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 11th day of September, 2024, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ron Irving