

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2024.

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**

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

Issue Date: September 25, 2024

Effective Date: October 5, 2024

On August 14, 2024, Co-Mo Comm, Inc. d/b/a Co-Mo Connect applied to expand its designation as a high-cost and low-income Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in order to participate in the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF), including the Missouri Lifeline and Disabled programs, in all areas where Co-Mo Connect currently holds ETC designation.<sup>1</sup> Co-Mo Connect also requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

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

The Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and on September 11, 2024, filed its recommendation. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Co-Mo Connect's request to expand its ETC designation to

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<sup>1</sup> Co-Mo Connect was designated an ETC carrier in File No. RA-2019-0088, with its census block service area designation later expanded in File No. DA-2021-0196.

participate in the MoUSF program, including the Missouri Lifeline and Disabled programs. Staff stated Co-Mo Connect met the requirements of the Commission Rule 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, the Commission finds that Co-Mo Connect has met the requirements for ETC designation.

The Commission will grant Co-Mo Connect's request for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). The Commission finds good cause exists for waiver, based on the Company's verified declaration that it had no communication with the Commission regarding substantive issues in the application within 150 days before filing its application.<sup>5</sup> In order to sooner allow Co-Mo Connect to serve customers needing services, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Co-Mo Connect's application is granted. Co-Mo Connect's ETC designation is expanded to participate in the MoUSF program, including the MoUSF Lifeline and Disabled programs, in all areas where Co-Mo Connect currently holds ETC designation.

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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).

<sup>5</sup> 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D).

2. The 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived for good cause.

3. This order shall become effective on October 5, 2024.

4. This file shall be closed on October 6, 2024.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

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

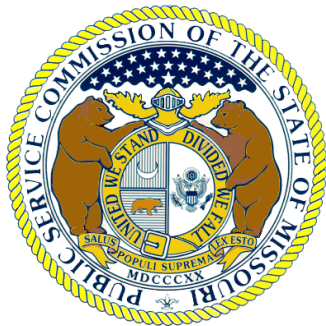
Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 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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