## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

In the Matter of the Petition of GoSEMO,	)	
LLC for Designation as an Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to	)	File No. RA-2020-0109
Section 214(e)(5) of the Communications	)	
Act of 1934, as Amended	)	

## ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Issue Date: December 3, 2019 Effective Date: January 3, 2020

On October 21, 2019, GoSEMO, LLC (GoSEMO) requested authority to expand its existing Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status to be able to participate in the Missouri Universal Service Fund, and to be able receive subsidies from that fund, including Missouri Lifeline and Disabled Programs.<sup>1</sup> The Commission issued notice and set a deadline for intervention. No person or entity sought intervention in this matter, and no party has requested a hearing.

On November 15, the Commission's Staff filed their *Recommendation*, which recommends that the Commission grant GoSEMO's application, and that such expansion of ETC status be limited to the area identified by census blocks in GoSEMO's initial application in File No. RA-2019-0089. Staff states that GoSEMO has met the requirements of the pertinent Commission rule for eligible telecommunications carriers.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission designated GoSEMO as an ETC carrier in File No. RA-2019-0089.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.130.

The application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.<sup>3</sup> Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.<sup>4</sup> Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission, and as such, there is no evidentiary record.<sup>5</sup> Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the verified fillings.

The Commission finds the assertions in the application and the *Recommendation* to be true. Based upon its review of the verified application and staff recommendation, the Commission finds that GoSEMO has met the requirements to receive Missouri Universal Service Fund support.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. GoSEMO, LLC's Request for Commission Authority to Participate in Missouri Universal Service Fund is granted.
- 2. GoSEMO, LLC's designation to receive Missouri Universal Service Fund support is limited to the area identified by census blocks in its initial application for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation in File No. RA-2019-0089.
  - 3. This order shall become effective on January 3, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> Sapp v. City of St. Louis, 320 S.W.3d 159, 163 (Mo. App. 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 536.010(4), RSMo, defines a "contested case" as "a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, duties or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing."

4. This case shall be closed on January 4, 2020.

### BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Pridgin, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019.

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Morris L. Woodruff

**Secretary** 

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#### File/Case No. RA-2020-0109

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

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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