

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

In the Matter of the Relinquishment of )  
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications ) **File No. DD-2025-0157**  
Carrier of Aristotle Unified Communications Inc. )

**ORDER PERMITTING ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
DESIGNATION RELINQUISHMENT**

Issue Date: December 19, 2024

Effective Date: January 18, 2025

On November 14, 2024, Aristotle Unified Communications Inc (Aristotle) filed a letter seeking relinquishment of its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the service area granted by the Commission in File No. TA-2019-0147.

Aristotle wishes to relinquish its ETC designation in conjunction with an agreement with Wisper ISP, LLC (Wisper) in which Wisper assumed Aristotle's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Connect America Fund Phase II obligations and expanded its ETC designation to include the census block service area Aristotle is seeking to relinquish in this matter.<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved the agreement between Aristotle and Wisper and granted Wisper the expanded ETC designation on September 25, 2024, effective October 5, 2024, in File No. DA-2025-0055.

The Commission set a deadline for persons and entities to intervene in this matter. No applications for intervention were filed. The Commission also requested a recommendation from its Staff on Aristotle's request. On December 11, 2024, Staff filed a

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<sup>1</sup> Aristotle filed an Exhibit 1 with its letter seeking relinquishment of its ETC designation on November 14, 2024. Exhibit 1 specifies the census block area, which includes portions of Missouri counties Howell, Oregon, and Ozark.

*Motion to Cancel Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, stating that Aristotle had met the notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(3), and Staff recommended the Commission cancel Aristotle’s ETC designation.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.015(4), relinquishment of ETC status is accomplished by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative at least 60 days prior to relinquishing ETC status, demonstrating compliance with 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4), which is intended to ensure that affected customers will continue to be served by at least one ETC. In its November 14<sup>th</sup> letter, Aristotle states that it has provided proper notice and that the one customer affected will be able to continue to receive ETC service from Wisper or another ETC of its choosing.

Having reviewed Aristotle’s filing and Staff’s motion, the Commission will permit Aristotle to relinquish its ETC designation.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Aristotle Unified Communications Inc is permitted to relinquish the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation in the service area granted by the Commission in File No. TA-2019-0147.
2. This order shall be effective on January 18, 2025.
3. This file shall be closed on January 19, 2025.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

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

Seyer, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*

**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

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**December 19, 2024**

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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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