

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Northwest Missouri)
Cellular Limited Partnership's) File No. DD-2025-0179
Relinquishment of ETC Designation)

ORDER APPROVING PARTIAL ETC RELINQUISHMENT

Issue Date: January 8, 2025

Effective Date: February 7, 2025

On December 6, 2024, Mercury Wireless Kansas, LLC d/b/a Mercury Broadband submitted a letter informing the Commission that it wishes to partially relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Missouri. Specifically, Mercury Broadband requested to relinquish its ETC designation in the census blocks granted to it in File No. DA-2021-0189. Mercury Broadband intends to retain its ETC designation in the census blocks granted to it in File No. RA-2019-0094. The Commission gave notice of Mercury Broadband's filing, directed its Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation, and set a time for any other responses.

On January 7, 2025, Staff filed its Recommendation and Memorandum. Staff stated that the requirements for relinquishment of ETC status are contained in Commission Rule 20 CSR-4240-31.015(4). The rule indicates a company can relinquish its ETC designation by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative at least 60 days prior to relinquishing ETC status, and demonstrating compliance with 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4).

The federal requirements are codified in FCC rule 47 CFR 54.205 and are essentially intended to ensure the affected area will continue to be served by at least one

ETC. Mercury Broadband has no lifeline subscribers in the area it is relinquishing, therefore, no consumers will be affected.

Staff reviewed Mercury Broadband's letter and stated that Mercury Broadband has met the requirements of 20 CSR 240-31.015(4) and is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4). Staff recommended the Commission approve the partial relinquishment of Mercury Broadband's ETC designation in Missouri. No other parties responded to Mercury Broadband's filing.

Having reviewed Mercury Broadband's letter and Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum, the Commission finds that Mercury Broadband has demonstrated compliance with Commission Rules and with 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4), and shall be permitted to relinquish its ETC designation in the census blocks granted to it in File No. DA-2021-0189.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Mercury Wireless Kansas, LLC d/b/a Mercury Broadband is permitted to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation it was granted in File No. DA-2021-0189.
2. This order shall become effective on February 7, 2025.
3. This file shall be closed February 8, 2025.



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

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of January, 2025.

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 8th day of January 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 8, 2025

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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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