

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held in its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of January, 2025.

In the Matter of the Application of Mark Twain)
Communications Company for Expanded)
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications)
Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal and)
State Lifeline and Disabled Support)

File No. CA-2025-0187

**ORDER EXPANDING DESIGNATION AS
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

Issue Date: January 29, 2025

Effective Date: February 8, 2025

On December 18, 2024, Mark Twain Communications Company (Mark Twain) requested to expand its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to be eligible to provide Lifeline and Disabled service.¹ Mark Twain is a certificated Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) in Missouri.² Mark Twain requests to expand its ETC designation on a statewide basis for the purpose of receiving federal low-income and Missouri Universal Service Fund support. Mark Twain also requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) conducted an investigation and, on January 16, 2025, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Mark Twain's request for expansion of its

¹ Mark Twain was designated by the Commission as an ETC for purposes of receiving Federal Universal Service Fund in Case No. TO-98-305.

² Case No. TA-2000-591.

designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal low-income and Missouri Universal Service Fund support on a statewide basis. Staff stated Mark Twain met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.³ No statute, ordinance, or constitutional provision requires a hearing or formal proceedings before the Commission.⁴ Consequently, the Commission bases its decision on the verified filings. Based upon its review of the verified application and Staff's recommendation and memorandum, the Commission finds that Mark Twain has met the requirements for expansion of its ETC designation.

Further, Mark Twain's application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the Office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 150 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

So that Mark Twain may begin providing services under its ETC designation in Missouri, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

⁴ *State ex rel. Yarber v. McHenry*, 915 S.W.2d 325, 328 (Mo. 1995); *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Mark Twain's application is granted. Mark Twain's designation as an ETC is expanded for the purpose of receiving federal low-income and Missouri Universal Service Fund support on a statewide basis.
2. Mark Twain is granted a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.
3. This order shall become effective on February 8, 2025.
4. This file shall be closed on February 9, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

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

Fewell, 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 29th day of January 2025.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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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