

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of yondoo Broadband, LLC's)	
Relinquishment as an Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carrier & Cancellation of)	<u>File No. DD-2025-0229</u>
Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol)	
Registration)	

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation*, states the following:

1. On February 21, 2025, yondoo Broadband, LLC ("yondoo" or the "Applicant") filed a request to relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), effective on April 30, 2025. The Applicant also requested the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to grant its request to cancel its Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) registration on April 30, 2025, as well. The Applicant notified the Commission that it will no longer provide VoIP services in Missouri, and that this request has no impact on customers.

2. On February 21, 2025, the Commission directed Staff to file its recommendation regarding yondoo's filing, or a request for an extension of time, no later than March 25, 2025.

3. As noted by the Commission in its order,¹ the Commission has the authority to cancel an VoIP registration pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo (2016), which states, in part, "[a]ny certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or

¹ *Order Giving Notice, Setting a Time to Request Intervention, And Directing Staff to File a Recommendation* filed on February 21, 2025.

company affected.” Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.011(3) notice shall be provided to the Commission to cancel certification(s) or registration(s) previously granted by the Commission.

4. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-31.015 outlines the requirements for relinquishing ETC status. This rule provides that a company can relinquish its ETC designation by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative at least sixty (60) days prior to relinquishing ETC status, demonstrating compliance with 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4). These federal requirements are codified in Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") rule 47 CFR 54.205, which ensures that at least one ETC continues to serve the affected area.

5. Staff reviewed the application, concluding that the Applicant complied with the requirements set forth in 20 CSR 4240-28.011(3) and 20 CSR 4240-31.015. The Commission need not hold a hearing, if, after proper notice and opportunity to intervene, no party requests such a hearing.²

6. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is *Staff's Memorandum*, in which Staff recommends the Commission approve the relinquishment of yondoo Broadband, LLC's ETC designation and cancellation of its IVoIP registration in Missouri.

² *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission approve the relinquishment of yondoo Broadband, LLC's ETC designation and cancellation of its IVolP registration in Missouri, and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 21st day of March, 2025.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. DD-2025-0229

From: Kari Salsman, Senior Research/Data Analyst
John VanEschen, Regulatory Compliance Manager
Telecommunications Department

Subject: Staff's Recommendation for yondoo Broadband, LLC's Notice of Relinquishment of Its Eligible Telecommunication Carrier Designation and Cancellation of Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Registration

Date: March 21, 2025

On February 21, 2025, yondoo Broadband, LLC (yondoo) filed a request for the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation and cancel its Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (IVoIP) registration in the State of Missouri, effective April 30, 2025.¹

yondoo was originally awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) funding to expand broadband service to 110 locations in Missouri. Shortly after being declared the successful bidder, yondoo notified the FCC of its intent to default. yondoo did not receive any RDOF funding for Missouri but faced financial consequences for this default.²

The requirements for relinquishment of ETC status is contained in Commission rule 20 CSR-4240-31.015. This rule indicates a company can relinquish its ETC designation by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative at least sixty (60) days prior to relinquishing ETC status demonstrating compliance with 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4). These federal requirements are codified in FCC rule 47 CFR 54.205 and essentially are intended to ensure the affected area will continue to be served by at least one ETC. yondoo has no subscribers and other ETCs serve the affected area.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the relinquishment of yondoo Broadband, LLC's ETC designation and cancellation of its IVoIP registration in Missouri, effective April 30, 2025.

¹ On February 17, 2021, in Case No. DA-2021-0256, the company was authorized as an IVoIP provider. On March 31, 2021, in Case No. DA-2021-0258 the company was granted ETC designation in Missouri.

² Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture; FCC identifies RDOF applicants that defaulted on their bids for support; FCC 22-59; released July 22, 2022.