

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

In the Matter of the Application of Boycom)	
Cablevisions, Inc. for Designation as an)	<u>Case No. DA-2025-0331</u>
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the)	
State of Missouri)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation* in this matter hereby states:

1. On June 13, 2025, Boycom Cablevision, Inc. (“Boycom”) filed an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for the purpose of receiving federal high cost and low-income universal service fund support.

2. On June 30, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff to File a Recommendation* in which the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than July 24, 2025.

3. On July 21, 2025, Boycom filed its *Amended and Restated Application and Verification* seeking Missouri USF support and clarifying its ETC designation area as the areas in Section IV.2. of its amended application.

4. Boycom is presently certificated in the state of Missouri as an interconnected voice over internet protocol (“IVoIP”) services provider.¹

5. Federal authority enables state commissions to grant ETC status to a company.² Missouri’s ETC application requirements are contained in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016. As explained in Staff’s *Memorandum*, attached hereto

¹ See Case No. DA-2025-0296.

² 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2) and FCC rule §54.201.

as Appendix A, Staff reviewed Boycom's request for compliance with Missouri's Rules as well as federal requirements and finds that Boycom has adequately met all requirements. Consequently, Staff supports Boycom's application for ETC status.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant ETC status to Boycom Cablevision, Inc. for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support and Missouri USF support for the Lifeline and Disabled programs in the area identified in Section IV.2. of its *Amended and Restated Application and Verification*; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 23rd day of July, 2025, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Mark Johnson

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. DA-2025-0331

From: Kari Salsman, Senior Research/Data Analyst
Telecommunications Department

Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Approve Boycom Cablevision, Inc.'s Request
for ETC Designation

Date: July 23, 2025

On June 13, 2025, Boycom Cablevision, Inc. (Boycom) filed an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal high cost and low-income universal service fund support. The Company later filed an amended application seeking Missouri USF support and clarifying its ETC designation area as the areas in Section IV.2. of its amended application.¹ The company is registered by the Missouri Commission to provide IVoIP service.²

Federal authority enables state commissions to grant ETC status to a company.³ Missouri's ETC application requirements are contained in existing Missouri Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016. Staff reviewed the company's request for compliance with Missouri's rule as well as federal requirements. In Staff's opinion the company has adequately met all ETC application requirements. Consequently, Staff supports Boycom's application for ETC status.

Staff recommends the Commission grant ETC status to Boycom Cablevision, Inc. for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support and Missouri USF support for the Lifeline and Disabled programs in the area identified in Section IV.2. of its amended application.

¹ The company deploys either a hybrid fiber coaxial cable or fiber as the last mile technology.

² Case No. DA-2025-0296. The company operates in Southeast Missouri and its principal office is located in Poplar Bluff.

³ 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2) and FCC rule §54.201.