

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

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the)	
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)	<u>File No. RD-2026-0009</u>
Status for Cintex Wireless, LLC)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its *Staff Recommendation* states:

1. On July 8, 2025, Cintex Wireless, LLC (“Cintex Wireless” or “Company”) filed a request for the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in the state of Missouri.¹

2. On July 9, 2025, the Commission issued an order directing its data center to provide notice to each ETC in the State of Missouri, set an intervention deadline of July 23, 2025, ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding Cintex Wireless’s filing no later than July 30, 2025, and provided that any other party wishing to respond to Cintex Wireless’s filing shall do so no later than July 30, 2025.²

3. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.015.4 states that the relinquishment of ETC status is accomplished by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative to the Commission at least 60 days prior to the relinquishment of the ETC status. The rule also requires compliance with 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4), which states, in part:

A State commission ... shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier

¹ On Dec. 21, 2011, the Commission granted the Company ETC designation in Missouri in Case No. DA-2012-0076.

² *Order Giving Notice, Setting a Time to Request Intervention, and Directing Staff to File a Recommendation* filed on July 9, 2025.

designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission ... of such relinquishment. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission ... shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier.

4. As more fully explained in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein, Cintex Wireless currently has no subscribers and is not providing Lifeline services. If the relinquishment is approved, the Company will no longer be eligible to receive federal universal service funding from the Lifeline program.

5. Staff recommends the Commission approve the relinquishment of Cintex Wireless's ETC designation in Missouri.

6. The Commission need not hold a hearing, if, after proper notice and opportunity to intervene, no party requests a hearing. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 495-96 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends the Commission approve the relinquishment of Cintex Wireless's ETC designation in Missouri and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under 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 30th day of July, 2025, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Mark Johnson

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. RD-2026-0009

From: Kari Salsman, Senior Research/Data Analyst
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Subject: Staff's Recommendation for Cintex Wireless, LLC's Notice of
Relinquishment of Its Eligible Telecommunication Carrier Designation.

Date: July 30, 2025

On July 8, 2025, Cintex Wireless, LLC (Cintex) filed a request for the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation in the State of Missouri. Cintex is a wireless provider and is not certificated or registered by the Missouri Commission. If approved, the company will no longer be eligible to receive federal universal service funding from the Lifeline program.

The requirements for relinquishment of ETC status are contained in Commission Rule 20 CSR-4240-31.015(4). 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. Cintex has no subscribers and other ETCs serve the affected area.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the relinquishment of Cintex Wireless LLC's ETC designation in Missouri.