

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

In the Matter of Application of Clay County)
Connect, Inc. for Designation as an) **Case No. DA-2026-0062**
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the)
State of Missouri)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE,
AND DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: September 10, 2025

Effective Date: September 10, 2025

On September 9, 2025, Clay County Connect, Inc. applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the state of Missouri. Specifically, Clay County Connect stated that it seeks to solely offer Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers. Clay County Connect also stated it will not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund for the purpose of providing service to high-cost areas. Clay County Connect requested ETC designation in the service areas of the incumbent local exchange carriers listed in Exhibit B attached to the application (Windstream Communications and Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC).

Notice of the application shall be sent to all incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers certificated to provide service in Missouri. The Commission will also set a deadline for intervention requests and will direct the filing of a recommendation by the Staff of the Commission (Staff).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Data Center shall send notice of this application to all eligible telecommunications carriers certificated to provide service in Missouri.

2. Any request to intervene shall be filed with the Commission no later than September 24, 2025. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or use the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

3. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding this application, or a request for an extension of time, no later than October 1, 2025.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.

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 10th day of September, 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 10th day of September 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

September 10, 2025

File/Case No. DA-2026-0062

MO PSC Staff

Staff Counsel Department
200 Madison Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
staffcounsel@psc.mo.gov

**Office of the Public Counsel
(OPC)**

Marc Poston
200 Madison Street, Suite 650
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, MO 65102
opc@opc.mo.gov

Clay County Connect, Inc.

William Steinmeier
2031 Tower Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109
wds@wdspc.com

Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

Distributed to all eligible telecommunications carriers certificated to provide service in Missouri.

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.