

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. to Expand ) **Case No. RO-2026-0112**  
its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier )  
Designated Service Area )

## ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO EXPAND DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

Issue Date: December 2, 2025

Effective Date: December 12, 2025

On October 22, 2025,<sup>1</sup> Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. (Assurance Wireless) applied to expand its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). Assurance Wireless is currently eligible to receive federal universal service Lifeline support in specified geographic areas. Assurance Wireless seeks to expand its ETC designation statewide – specifically expanding to areas contained in Exhibit 1 of the application. Assurance Wireless was designated as an ETC in Case No. RA-2012-0264.

The Commission directed its Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation, issued notice of the application, and set a deadline for intervention. No intervention requests were received.

Staff reviewed the request and, on November 17, filed its recommendation and memorandum. Staff stated that Assurance Wireless met the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016 governing eligible telecommunications carriers. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Assurance Wireless' request for expansion of its ETC status. No responses to Staff's recommendation were filed.

<sup>1</sup> All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise stated.

Under federal authority, the application is within the Commission's jurisdiction to decide.<sup>2</sup> Since no law requires a hearing, this is a non-contested case.<sup>3</sup> Non-contested cases do not require formal proceedings or hearings before the Commission.<sup>4</sup> 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 Assurance Wireless has met the requirements to expand its ETC designation.

In order to expeditiously allow Assurance Wireless to serve customers needing Lifeline service in the expanded areas, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s application is approved. Assurance Wireless is granted ETC designation statewide and as stated in Exhibit 1 of its application.
2. This order shall become effective on December 12, 2025.
3. This file shall be closed on December 13, 2025.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2).

<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Co.'s Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Elec. Serv. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 509 S.W.3d 757, 783-784 (Mo. App. W.D. 2016).

<sup>4</sup> *State ex rel. Pub. Counsel v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 210 S.W.3d 344, 353-354 (Mo. App. W.D. 2006).

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2025.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**December 2, 2025**

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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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