

4. 47 U.S. Code §214(e)(2) permits state commissions to grant ETC status to a company. The Federal Communications Commission established the requirements for ETC designation in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201 and 54.202. The ETC application requirements for Missouri are included in 20 CSR 4240-31.016.

5. Based upon review of the previous Commission orders, federal regulations, and commission rules, Staff recommends the Commission grant statewide ETC status to LTE Wireless, Inc. for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support. As explained in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A, Staff reviewed the company's request for compliance with Missouri's Rules as well as federal requirements and finds that LTE Wireless has adequately met all requirements. Staff also recommends that the Commission grant a waiver of the 60-day notice required by 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully request that the Commission accept its Recommendation on this matter; grant LTE Wireless Inc. Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation statewide; grant a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable 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 31st day of December, 2025, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ray Cunneen

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. RA-2026-0142

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

Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Approve LTE Wireless, Inc.'s Request
for ETC Designation

Date: December 31, 2025

On December 5, 2025, LTE Wireless, Inc. (LTE) filed an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and is requesting ETC designation on a statewide basis. The company is a wireless service provider and is not certificated or registered by the Missouri Commission.

Federal authority enables state commissions to grant ETC status to a company.¹ Missouri's ETC application requirements are contained in existing Missouri Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.016. Staff reviewed the LTE'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 LTE's application for ETC status.

Staff recommends the Commission grant statewide ETC status to LTE Wireless, Inc. for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support.

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