

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
LTE Wireless Inc. for Designation as an) **File No. CA-2026-0270**
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the)
State of Missouri)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On March 16, 2026, LTE Wireless Inc., (“LTE Wireless”) filed an application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in the state of Missouri and Request for Waiver of 20 CSR 4240-4.017. The Company is seeking state-wide designation as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal Lifeline and state Lifeline and Disabled Support. LTE Wireless’s request, if approved, would permit it to receive federal low-income support and state low-income and disabled support to provide Lifeline and Disabled services (USF) to qualifying Missouri residents.

2. LTE Wireless is a South Dakota corporation whose principal offices are located at 244 5th Avenue, Suite W221, New York, New York (NY) 10001. LTE Wireless is certificated by the Commission to provide local exchange telecommunications services.¹ The Company is also a wireless provider and received ETC status in Missouri for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support.²

¹ Case No. CA-2026-0229.

² Case No. RA-2026-0142.

3. On April 16, 2026, the Commission entered an order directing Staff to file a recommendation no later than May 14, 2026. The order limited applications to intervene to be filed no later than April 30, 2026.

4. The Federal Communications Commission established the requirements for ETC designation in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201 and 54.202. 47 U.S. Code §214(e)(2) permits state commissions to grant ETC status to a company. 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. 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 for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support and Missouri USF support to provide Lifeline and Disabled services in Missouri; 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 11th day of May, 2026, to all parties and/or counsel of record.

/s/ Ray Cunneen

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. CA-2026-0270

From: Kari Salsman
Tariff/Rate Design Department

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

Date: May 11, 2026

On April 14, 2026, 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 Missouri USF support for the Lifeline and Disabled programs. LTE is requesting ETC designation on a statewide basis. The company is headquartered in New York, New York and is a certificated CLEC in Missouri.¹ LTE is also a wireless provider and previously received ETC status in Missouri for the purpose of receiving federal low-income support.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 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 and Missouri USF support for the Lifeline and Disabled programs.

¹ Case No. CA-2026-0229.

² Case No. RA-2026-0142.

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