



MISSOURI SENATE
JEFFERSON CITY

CAPITOL OFFICE:

STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 221
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101
TELEPHONE: (573) 751-8793
FAX: (573) 526-8793
E-MAIL: DELBERTSCOTT@SENATE.MO.GOV

DELBERT SCOTT
SENATOR, 28TH DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICE:

P.O. Box 147
LOWRY CITY, MO 64763
TELEPHONE (417) 644-2244
TF (877) 260-2625

STATEMENT OF SENATOR DELBERT SCOTT

I make this statement to express my concern that throughout rural areas of the State of Missouri the public frequently experiences inconsistent and uncertain wireless communications service. I represent the 28th Senate District, which includes Barton, Benton, Cedar, Dallas, Henry, Hickory, Pettis, Polk and St. Clair Counties. I know from traveling in these counties, as well as other rural Missouri counties that the coverage in these is often erratic.

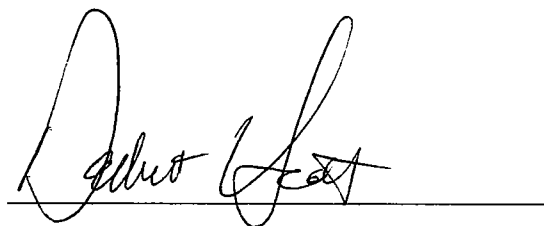
Telecommunications service providers must have access to financial support that enables them to provide more dependable wireless service to rural customers living in areas that are more expensive to serve than urban areas. I understand that the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 permits wireless service providers to be certified as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC's) by either the Federal Communications Commission or state regulatory bodies like the Missouri Public Service Commission. ETC status permits telecommunications companies to receive support from the federal Universal Service Fund which can then be used to improve service in rural areas.

It would be in the best interest of rural Missouri consumers, who pay into the fund, for the Public Service Commission to look favorably upon the applications of qualified wireless telecommunications providers who seek ETC certification, so they can receive Universal Service Fund dollars to invest in infrastructure that will serve such consumers. Similarly, I encourage the Commission to adopt rules governing the application process which utilize the minimum

requirements for eligibility adopted and published by the Federal Communications Commission, consistent with the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

It is for these reasons that I introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 during the last session of the General Assembly.

October 4, 2006



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Gearty", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

1. WHEREAS, the inconsistent wireless telecommunication service throughout rural areas of the state provides for an erratic coverage area for rural customers; and

WHEREAS, to make available more dependable wireless telecommunication service to rural customers of this state, telecommunication service providers must have access to support aimed at providing such service to higher cost areas; and

WHEREAS, to enable wireless telecommunication providers to invest in infrastructure to better serve the rural customers of this state, the Missouri legislature seeks to more easily certify telecommunication service providers as eligible telecommunication carriers thereby subjecting those service providers to the universal service fund:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the public service commission to adopt rules governing the application process by which telecommunication providers can be certified as "eligible telecommunications carriers" and who, in turn, can be subject to universal service fund support. The rules adopted by the Commission shall utilize the minimum requirements for eligibility adopted and published by the Federal Communications Commission, consistent with the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service for eligibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the members of the Public Service Commission.

Resolution

Copy



CAPITOL OFFICE
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 225
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101
TELEPHONE (573) 751-1430
FAX (573) 751-9751
TDD: (573) 751-3969

DISTRICT OFFICE
P.O. BOX 9
HARRISONVILLE, MO 64701

MISSOURI SENATE

JEFFERSON CITY

CHRIS KOSTER

31ST DISTRICT

I make this statement to express my concern that throughout rural areas of the State of Missouri the public frequently experiences inconsistent and uncertain wireless telecommunications service. I represent the people of the 31st Senate District, which includes Bates, Cass, Johnson and Vernon Counties. I know from traveling in these areas, as well as other rural Missouri Counties, that the coverage in these areas is frequently erratic.

It is normally more expensive for telecommunications service providers to provide service to rural customers than their urban counterparts. These providers are often reluctant to enter rural markets without financial support.

I understand the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 permits wireless service providers to be certified as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) by either the Federal Communications Commission or state regulatory bodies like the Missouri Public Service Commission. ETC status permits telecommunications companies to receive federal support from the Universal Service Fund to improve rural service.

It would be in the best interest of rural Missouri consumers, who pay into the fund, for the Public Service Commission to look favorably upon the applications of qualified wireless telecommunications providers who seek ETC certification, so they can receive federal Universal Service Fund dollars to invest in infrastructure that will serve such consumers. Similarly, I encourage the Commission to adopt rules governing the application process which utilize the requirements for eligibility adopted and published by the Federal Communications Commission, consistent with the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Koster", written over a horizontal line.