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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-31.090

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TYPE OF RULEMAKING ACTION TO BE TAKEN

☐ Emergency rulemaking, include effective date

☒ Proposed Rulemaking

☐ Withdrawal ☐ Rule Action Notice ☐ In Addition ☐ Rule Under Consideration

☐ Order of Rulemaking

Effective Date for the Order

☐ Statutory 30 days OR Specific date

Does the Order of Rulemaking contain changes to the rule text? ☐ NO

☐ YES—LIST THE SECTIONS WITH CHANGES, including any deleted rule text:

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August 7, 2013

Jason Kander
Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Division
600 West Main Street
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Re: 4 CSR 240-31.090 Disbursements of MoUSF Funds

Dear Secretary Kander,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the proposed rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby certifies that this proposed rulemaking will not have an economic impact on small businesses. The Public Service Commission further certifies that it has conducted an analysis of whether there has been a taking of real property pursuant to section 536.017, RSMo 2000, that the proposed rulemaking does not constitute a taking of real property under relevant state and federal law, and that the proposed rulemaking conforms to the requirements of 1.310, RSMo Supp. 2012, regarding user fees.

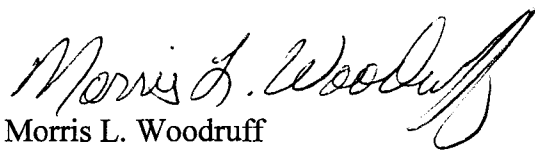
The Public Service Commission has determined and hereby also certifies that this proposed rulemaking complies with the small business requirements of 1.310, RSMo Supp. 2012, in that it does not have an adverse impact on small businesses consisting of fewer than fifty full or part-time employees or it is necessary to protect the life, health, or safety of the public, or that this rulemaking complies with 1.310, RSMo Supp 2012, by exempting any small business consisting of fewer than fifty full or part-time employees from its coverage, by implementing a federal mandate, or by implementing a federal program administered by the state or an act of the general assembly.

Woodruff
August 7, 2013
Certification of Administrative Rule

Statutory Authority: sections 392.200.2 and 392.248, RSMo Supp. 1997 and 392.470.1, RSMo 1994

If there are any questions regarding the content of this proposed rulemaking, please contact:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

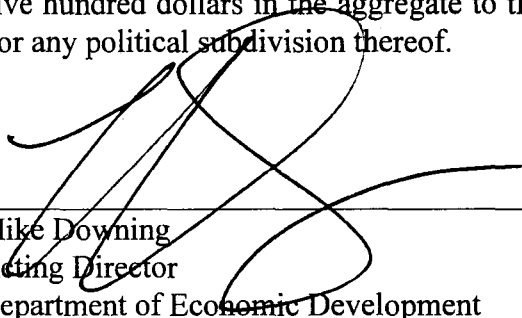
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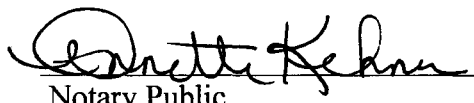
STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE)

I, Mike Downing, Acting Director of the Department of Economic Development, first being duly sworn, on my oath, state that it is my opinion that the cost of proposed amendment, 4 CSR 240-31.090, is less than five hundred dollars in the aggregate to this agency, any other agency of state government or any political subdivision thereof.

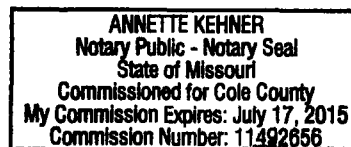


Mike Downing
Acting Director
Department of Economic Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July, 2013, I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri, and my commission expires on 17 July 2015.



Notary Public



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Division 240—Public Service Commission
Chapter 31—[Missouri] Universal Service [Fund]

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 CSR 240-31.090 Disbursements of MoUSF Funds The Commission is amending the chapter header, and sections (1), (2), and (3), adding new sections (1), and (2), and deleting section (4) .

PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies the MoUSF disbursement procedures.

(1) Only ETCs certificated as a telecommunications company or registered as a IVoIP provider are eligible to seek disbursements from the MoUSF by completing an Application for Support Eligibility form available on the MoUSF web site. A completed form must be submitted in a timely manner to the MoUSFA. Failure to apply for support within 3 months of provisioning service to the Lifeline or Disabled customer(s) shall limit support to the amount requested or \$350 (whichever is less).

(2) MoUSF disbursement eligibility depends on an ETC complying with all MoUSF assessment obligations and requirements associated with the Lifeline and/or Disabled programs. If an ETC's compliance is in question, an ETC's application for disbursement shall be held in abeyance until all compliance issues are adequately resolved.

(1)3) The [Fund Administrator] MoUSFA shall make disbursements from the [Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF)] by wire transfer, check or other appropriate means to fund recipients.

(2)4) The [Fund Administrator] MoUSFA shall not make any disbursements to itself unless said disbursements have been first approved by the board.

(3)5) The [Fund Administrator] MoUSFA shall keep accurate and complete records of all disbursements from the fund showing, at a minimum, for each disbursement:

- (A) The recipient;**
- (B) The amount of the disbursement;**
- (C) The date of the disbursement; and**
- (D) The purpose of the disbursement (e.g., [high cost assistance,] assistance to provide service to low-income customers and/or disabled customers, costs of administering the fund, etc.)**

[(4) Any interested entity that objects to a disbursement from the MoUSF by the Fund Administrator may seek review of that disbursement by the board and/or the commission pursuant to 4 CSR 240-31.110 of these rules.]

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AUTHORITY: sections 392.200.2 and 392.248, RSMo Supp. 1997 and 392.470.1, RSMo 1994. * Original rule filed Aug. 15, 1997, effective April 30, 1998.

***Original authority:** 392.200, RSMo 1939, amended 1987, 1988, 1996; 392.248, RSMo 1996; and 392.470.1, RSMo 1987.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file comments in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary of the Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received at the Commission's offices on or before October 16, 2013, and should include a reference to Commission Case No. TX-2012-0324. Comments may also be submitted via a filing using the Commission's electronic filing and information system at <<http://www.psc.mo.gov/efis.asp>>. A public hearing regarding this proposed rule is scheduled for October 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 305 Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested persons may appear at this hearing to submit additional comments and/or testimony in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule, and may be asked to respond to commission questions. Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one (1) of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

Small Business Regulator Fairness Board

Small Business Impact Statement

Date: December 12, 2012

Rule Number: 4 CSR 240-31.090

Name of Agency Preparing Statement: Missouri Public Service Commission

Name of Person Preparing Statement: Natelle Dietrich

Phone Number: 573-751-7427

Email: natelle.dietrich@psc.mo.gov

Name of Person Approving Statement: Natelle Dietrich

Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses (*examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique*).

N/A

Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.

The Commission held workshops and solicited informal comments from affected entities, including small businesses.

Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.

None

Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.

Telecommunications companies and wireless providers that seek and receive designation as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETC).

Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.

N/A

Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

Telecommunications companies and wireless providers that seek and/or receive ETC designation.

Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?

Yes___ No_☒__

If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.

For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.