

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of YourTel America, Inc.)
To Amend its Designation as an Eligible) **File No. RA-2011-0376**
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Missouri)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF ETC SERVICE AREA AND TEMPORARILY WAIVING PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Issue Date: May 23, 2011

Effective Date: May 23, 2011

On May 17, 2011, YourTel America, Inc. applied to the Public Service Commission to expand the area within which it is eligible to provide Lifeline and Link-Up service to qualifying Missouri customers as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). On May 23, YourTel filed a motion asking the Commission to immediately allow YourTel to expand its designated ETC area to include the Joplin area that was struck by a tornado on May 22. YourTel also asks that it be granted a temporary waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.570(5)(B) to allow customers to self-certify eligibility for low-income ETC service since many customers affected by the tornado will be unable to produce the documentation that would otherwise be needed to verify eligibility. YourTel indicates that it will be able to immediately transport wireless telephone equipment to the Joplin area as soon as its motion is granted.

Staff filed a response to YourTel's motion later on May 23. Staff advises the Commission to grant YourTel's motion as soon as possible. The Commission will do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. YourTel America, Inc.'s application to amend its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier is granted to allow the company to begin providing such

services in the telephone exchanges affected by the tornado that struck Joplin Missouri on May 22, 2011.

2. YourTel America, Inc. is granted a temporary waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.570(5)(B), provided that the company shall submit all required documentation within the first six months of providing service under the Lifeline and Link-Up program subsidies.

3. All other aspects of YourTel America, Inc.'s application remain pending before the Commission.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Steven C. Reed
Secretary**

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of May, 2011.