STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 14th day of July, 2021.

In the Matter of Aptitude Internet, LLC Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal Universal Service Support

File No. TA-2021-0198

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CLARIFY ORDER GRANTING DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

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Issue Date: July 14, 2021

Effective Date: August 13, 2021

On January 5, 2021, Aptitude Internet, LLC (Aptitude) filed its application for designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC).¹ Aptitude amended its application on April 27, 2021, asking for ETC status only for the specific census blocks for which it was granted Rural Digital Opportunity Funds (RDOF) funds. The Commission granted Aptitude's request on May 12, 2021.

On June 23, 2021, Aptitude filed a Motion to Clarify Order Granting Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Order (Motion). In the Motion, Aptitude explains that its originally filed Exhibit A was incomplete. With its Motion, Aptitude filed a Revised Exhibit A that contains all of the census blocks it was awarded in the Rural Digital Opportunities Fund Auction. Aptitude asks the Commission to clarify that Aptitude receive ETC status for the census blocks listed in Revised Exhibit A.

¹ Aptitude is presently certificated in Missouri as an interconnected voice over internet protocol (IVoIP) services provider.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no order to the contrary, more than ten days have elapsed since Aptitude filed its Motion, and no party has objected. Thus, the Commission will take up the Motion unopposed.

The Commission finds the Motion reasonable, and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Aptitude's Motion is granted. Aptitude is granted ETC status for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost and low-income support where they receive RDOF support in the area identified by census block groups described in Revised Exhibit A to its Motion.

- 2. This order shall become effective on August 13, 2021.
- 3. This file shall be closed on August 14, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14th day of July, 2021.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION July 14, 2021

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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