

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

Application of Chariton Valley Telecom)
Corporation for Designation as a)
Telecommunications Carrier Eligible for)
Federal Universal Service Support pursuant to)
§ 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TA-2012-0128

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Status Report*, states as follows:

1. On October 26, 2011, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation (“the Company”) applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout the exchange of Macon, Missouri, served by Spectra Communication Group, LLP.

2. On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Report and Order in which the federal Universal Service Fund eligible telecommunications carrier criteria have been changed. The Staff is unable to discern, at this time, whether the Company meets the new criteria. For example, the FCC has moved from study areas to census blocks to determine who will be designated as the ETC in a given location. The Staff has asked that this matter be continued for six months, so that the FCC can clarify the relationship of its new rules to the Company, which is affiliated with an ILEC and a CLEC, to determine which companies may receive support.

3. The Staff sent Data Requests to the Company, the responses to which were due on November 30, 2011. At the Staff’s meeting with the Company’s counsel on November 28, 2011, it agreed to suspend the time in which to reply to those Data Requests until this matter is either closed or the Staff determines to proceed with processing the application.

4. The Staff requests that this matter not be closed, because future eligibility may hinge on having filed the ETC application prior to the FCC's release of its Report and Order.

5. Staff is still reviewing this case and will file another status report or recommendation no later than December 29, 2012.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission accept this *Status Report* and continue this matter for six months, until December 29, 2012, at which time the Staff will file its *Staff Recommendation* or another *Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of June, 2012.

