

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

In the Matter of the Notice of Relinquishment of
American Broadband and Telecommunications
Company d/b/a America Assistance Missouri ETC
Designation, Effective July 2, 2020

File No. TA-2020-0343

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING RELIQUISHMENT OF ETC STATUS

Issue Date: June 3, 2020

Effective Date: July 2, 2020

On May 1, 2020, American Broadband and Telecommunications Company d/b/a American Assistance (American Assistance) filed a letter informing the Commission that it wishes to relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Missouri effective July 2. The Commission gave notice of American Assistance's filing and directed its Staff to file a recommendation by June 1. Any other party was allowed until June 1 to respond to American Assistance's notice. Staff filed its recommendation on May 29. No other party has responded.

Staff's recommendation explains that American Assistance was granted ETC designation on June 25, 2015, in File No. RA-2014-0225. Staff also notes that it has filed a complaint before the Commission in File No. LC-2020-0277, asking the Commission to revoke American Assistance's ETC designation for failure to properly comply with Lifeline Program requirements and ETC reporting requirements. That complaint remains pending.

Staff's recommendation explains that Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-31.015.4 provides that a company wishing to relinquish its ETC status must provide a letter signed by a company representative at least 60 days before the relinquishment, as required by federal law at 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4). Staff indicates American Assistance has met that

requirement and advises the Commission to acknowledge that relinquishment and cancel American Assistance's ETC designation in Missouri. The Commission will do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission acknowledges that American Assistance has relinquished its designation as an eligible telecommunications company in Missouri, effective July 2, 2020, and the Commission will cancel that designation effective on that date.
2. This order shall be effective on July 2, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of June, 2020.