

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

In the matter of the Application of Exop of	)	
Missouri, Inc. for Designation as a	)	
Telecommunications Company Carrier	)	<b><u>File No. TA2001251XXX</u></b>
Eligible for Federal Universal Service	)	
Support pursuant to Section 254 of the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.	)	

**STAFF MOTION TO CANCEL DESIGNATION**

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

1. On November 10, 2014, ExOp of Missouri, Inc. filed a request to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (“ETC”) designation (see the attachment). On May 15, 2001, the Commission granted ExOp ETC status in this matter.

2. In lieu of a memorandum, the Staff herein recommends that the Commission grant the Company's request. The Commission does not have specific rules concerning relinquishing, but relies on 47 USC §214(e)(4). The Staff agrees that ExOp meets all of the requirements set forth therein and has specifically explained how its existing Lifeline customers can continue to receive service.

3. The Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order Removing the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status as soon as may be practicable, but no later than December 31, 2014.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission grant ExOp of Missouri, Inc.’s request to relinquish its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the receipt of low-income support from the federal Universal Service Fund.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.





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Re: ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications  
Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") Status

Dear Mr. Van Eschen:

Referencing our recent discussions regarding the Missouri Public Service Commission's new annual filing requirements for Lifeline-only ETCs, this letter will confirm that ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("ExOp") is not a federal ETC and has not and does not intend to seek federal Lifeline support. Accordingly, please consider this letter confirmation of ExOp's relinquishment of its previous designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in its Kearney and Platte City, Missouri exchanges.

Previously offering company-specific and Missouri Lifeline discounts to qualifying customers, ExOp will no longer offer Lifeline service; however, ExOp will "grandfather" and continue to provide its four (4) participating customers the full Lifeline program discount (state and federal) for as long as they remain qualified customers.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter, and if you have any questions, please contact me at 620-227-4409.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Morse", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Colleen M. Dale, Senior Counsel, MoPSC Staff (via Email)  
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