BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Proposed)		
Modifications to the Missouri)	Case No.	TO-2019-0346
Universal Service Fund)		

STAFF'S NOTICE TO COMMISSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Notice* in this matter hereby states:

- 1. The Commission opened a docket May 15, 2019, in response to Staff's *Motion to Open Docket and Recommendations* regarding the Missouri Universal Service Fund. Pursuant to the Commission's request, Staff filed a *Memorandum* outlining certain scenarios which could result from its recommendations in this docket and three parties filed responses to Staff's *Memorandum*. Staff has learned that to date the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continues to proceed toward a complete phase-out of all federal Universal Service Fund (USF) support for Lifeline voice telephone services.
- 2. As a result of the current course of action, should the FCC not take any action prior, federal Lifeline program support will decrease from \$9.25 per subscriber per month to \$7.25 as of December 1, 2019. Missouri Lifeline customers would therefore see a \$2.00 increase in their monthly bills, unless the Commission promptly takes action to modify state Lifeline support and

supplement this loss. Staff continues to support the information provided to the Commission in its previous filings regarding this issue.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Notice*; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 29th day of October, 2019, to all counsel of record.

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