

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment to)
4 CSR 240-3.570 Requirements for Carrier)
Designation as Eligible Telecommunications)
Carriers)

File No. TX-2011-0415

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NECESSITY

Issue Date: June 29, 2011

The Commission intends to amend its rule regarding applications by telecommunications carriers to be designated Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) for purposes of receiving federal universal service support. The purpose of the amendment will be to establish criteria for consideration of applications for designation as an ETC solely for low-income-only purposes. The Commission finds that the amendment is necessary to ensure compliance with existing program requirements and to minimize the potential for waste, fraud, and abuse of the federal support of the Lifeline and Link Up programs. The Commission will seek comments from interested persons as to whether the amendment is appropriately designed and written.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of June, 2011.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge