

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation Into Various  
Issues Related to the Missouri Universal Service  
Fund

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**File No. TO-2012-0257**

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO DECREASE ASSESSMENT

Issue Date: January 25, 2012

Effective Date: January 25, 2012

On January 25, 2012, the Staff of the Commission, acting at the request of the Missouri Universal Service Board, filed a motion asking the Commission to approve a decrease of the Missouri Universal Service Fund (MoUSF) assessment rate from .0029 to .0025. The motion asks the Commission to expedite its consideration of the motion and to issue an order on February 1, 2012, to approve the proposed rate decrease. Staff explains that prompt action is necessary to allow the revised assessment rate to be implemented by the affected telecommunications carriers on April 1, 2012.

The Commission will provide notice of the filing of Staff's motion to affected telecommunications carriers and will establish January 31, 2012, as the deadline for submission of applications to intervene, or for the submission of any other response to Staff's motion.

Staff also requests a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15), which would require Staff to serve this pleading on all parties to this case as there currently are no parties, other than the Office of the Public Counsel. By this order, the

Commission is providing notice of the filing of Staff's motion to all interested telecommunications companies and no other notice from Staff is necessary.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send this notice and order to all interexchange carriers, competitive local exchange carriers, and incumbent local exchange carriers.

2. Any person or entity wishing to apply to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2012.

3. Any person or entity otherwise wishing to respond to Staff's motion to reduce the Missouri Universal Service Fund assessment rate from .0029 to .0025 shall do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2012.

4. Staff's motion for a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240.2.080(15) is granted so that Staff need not serve its motion on any party other than the Office of the Public Counsel.

5. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Steven C. Reed**  
**Secretary**

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge