

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Northwest Missouri)
Cellular Limited Partnership's) **File No. RO-2025-0144**
Relinquishment of ETC Designation)

ORDER APPROVING ETC RELINQUISHMENT

Issue Date: December 30, 2024

Effective Date: January 29, 2025

On October 31, 2024, Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership (NWMC) filed a notice (Notice) informing the Commission that it wishes to relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Missouri to be effective January 31, 2025. NWMC was granted ETC status in File No. TO-2005-0466. The Commission gave notice of NWMC's Notice and directed its Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation.

On December 2, Staff filed its Recommendation. Staff stated that the requirements for relinquishment of ETC status are contained in Commission Rule 20 CSR-4240-31.015(4). The rule indicates a company can relinquish its ETC designation by providing a letter signed by an authorized company official or representative at least 60 days prior to relinquishing ETC status, and demonstrating compliance with 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4). The federal requirements are codified in FCC rule 47 CFR 54.205 and are essentially intended to ensure the affected area will continue to be served by at least one ETC. According to the NWMC's Notice, other ETCs will continue to serve the area.

Staff reviewed NWMC's Notice and stated that NWMC has met the requirements of 20 CSR 240-31.015(4) and is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4). Staff recommended the Commission approve the relinquishment of NWMC's ETC designation in Missouri, to be effective January 31, 2025. No other parties responded to NWMC's Notice.

Having reviewed NWMC's Notice and Staff's Recommendation, the Commission finds that NWMC has demonstrated compliance with Commission Rules and with 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4). NWMC has asked that the Commission approve the relinquishment to be effective on January 31, 2025. Thus, the Commission will grant NWMC's request to relinquish its ETC designation, and will make the relinquishment effective on January 31, 2025.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. On January 31, 2025, Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership is permitted to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation in the service area previously granted by the Commission in File No. TO-2005-0466.
2. This order shall become effective on January 29, 2025.
3. This file shall be closed February 1, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of December, 2024.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 30th day of December 2024.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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