

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Partial Relinquishment )  
of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ) **File No. CD-2025-0185**  
Designation by Fidelity Cablevision, LLC )  
d/b/a Sparklight )

## ORDER APPROVING PARTIAL RELINQUISHMENT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION

Issue Date: January 17, 2025

Effective Date: February 16, 2025

On December 13, 2024, Fidelity Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Sparklight (the Company)<sup>1</sup> filed a request seeking relinquishment of portions of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation related to the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF). The Company also requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

Previously, in order to receive federal and state Lifeline support in the Rolla, Salem, and Lebanon exchanges in Missouri, the Commission had granted ETC designation to the Company in File Nos. TA-2022-122 and CO-2012-0282 on November 6, 2021, and March 18, 2012, respectively. On April 28, 2021, in File No. CA-2021-0282, the Commission expanded the Company's ETC service area in order to receive RDOF funding. On July 22, 2021, in File No. CA-2021-0415, the Commission expanded the Company's ETC designation to include additional geographic areas in order to make those areas eligible for federal support for Lifeline services.

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<sup>1</sup> In the pleading making the request to relinquish portions of its ETC designation, the Company refers to itself as "Fidelity Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications." However, in Commission File No. XN-2025-0098, the Company requested that the Commission recognize that it had changed its fictitious name to "Sparklight." The Commission did so in an order issued and effective on October 1, 2024. Therefore, the Commission will refer to the Company's current fictitious name of "Sparklight."

Subsequently, on September 28, 2022, in File No. TO-2023-0074, the Commission allowed the Company to partially relinquish its ETC designation for a portion of its RDOF area.

On October 17, 2024, the Company notified the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that it was withdrawing from the RDOF program for the state of Missouri. Thus, in this matter, Sparklight seeks to relinquish its ETC designation for its remaining RDOF service territory – census block groups located in the Missouri counties of Butler, Cass, and Phelps and set forth in Exhibit 1 filed with its request. Sparklight would retain its Lifeline ETC designation granted in File Nos. TA-2022-122 and CO-2012-0282 for the Rolla, Salem, and Lebanon exchanges.

Upon receipt of Sparklight's request on December 13, 2024, the Commission issued notice of the request, set a deadline for intervention, and directed the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file a recommendation on the request. No persons filed a request to intervene by the deadline.

On January 13, 2025, Staff filed its Recommendation and accompanying Memorandum. 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, 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. In its request, Sparklight states that it does not serve any customers pursuant to its RDOF ETC designation. Further, the Company states that there

are numerous other ETCs operating in the geographic area for which it seeks relinquishment.

Staff reviewed Sparklight's request and stated that Sparklight 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 partial relinquishment of Sparklight's ETC designation in Missouri. Staff also recommended waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017

Having reviewed Sparklight's request and Staff's Recommendation, the Commission finds that Sparklight has demonstrated compliance with Commission Rules and with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), and shall be permitted to relinquish its ETC designation in the census blocks granted to it as set forth in Exhibit 1 filed with its request.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Fidelity Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Sparklight is permitted to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation in the areas specified in Exhibit 1 of its request.
2. Exhibit 1 of Fidelity Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Sparklight's request shall be attached to, and made a part of, this order.
3. Fidelity Cablevision, LLC d/b/a Sparklight is granted a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).
4. This order shall become effective on February 16, 2025.
5. This file shall be closed on February 17, 2025.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.**



*Nancy Dippell*

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**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**January 17, 2025**

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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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