

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Staff's Review of the Commission's)
Chapter 31 Rules)

File No. TW-2017-0078

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Issue Date: May 18, 2017

On May 18, 2017, Staff asked the Commission to invite stakeholders to file comments regarding the impact of proposals to expand the Missouri Universal Service Fund (USF) to support a broadband only service within the Lifeline and Disabled programs. The Commission will invite interested stakeholders to address the following questions identified by Staff:

1. How, if at all, will Staff's projections that Missouri USF program participants will continue to decline at the rate of 15% per year be impacted by this proposal? If your response depends on the current Missouri USF support level, please clarify and explain.
2. Does your company offer landline broadband service? If yes, does your company offer broadband-only service? If broadband service is solely available on a bundled basis with voice service, please explain why a broadband-only service is not offered and whether the company intends to eventually offer a broadband-only service.
3. If your company offers a landline broadband-only service, how comparable are the rates for a broadband-only service versus a bundled package of voice and broadband services?
4. If your company participates in the Lifeline program:
 - a. How many Lifeline subscribers are currently provided with landline broadband-only service?
 - b. How many Lifeline subscribers are currently provided with a landline bundled voice/broadband service?

- c. Will expanding Missouri USF support to a broadband-only service within the Lifeline and Disabled programs cause a significant impact on program participation?

Staff asks that stakeholders file their comments in this file by June 5, 2017.

The Commission will provide notice of this opportunity to comment to all Missouri ILECs, CLECs, IXCs, and IVoIP providers. Any other stakeholder wishing to comment is welcome to do so.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of May, 2017.