

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of December, 2019.

In the Matter of Proposed Modifications to the)
Missouri Universal Service Fund)

File No. TO-2019-0346

ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

Issue Date: December 3, 2019

Effective Date: December 13, 2019

On November 21, 2019, the Commission issued its Order Suspending Assessment Rate and Increasing Monthly Support Rate (Order). The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its Motion for Clarification on November 22, 2019. The Commission will address Staff's three requests and clarify its Order.

First, Staff asks the Commission "to clarify whether an affected provider may implement the support change as soon as practical between December 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020." Staff's concern is that as written, the Order requires all support changes to occur on February 1, 2020. The Commission will clarify its Order to state that an affected provider may implement the support change as soon as practical, but no later than February 1, 2020. The Commission is giving this order a ten-day effective date so that affected providers will have sufficient time to make billing adjustments for the assessments and discounts resulting from the **Order**.

Second, Staff states that the Order "appears to indicate the Missouri USF Lifeline support amount is \$16.75 and that state and federal Lifeline support combined is limited to

\$24. Staff now asks the Commission to clarify whether Missouri USF Lifeline support is \$16.75 for all Lifeline subscribers or a total of \$24 from federal and state programs.” The Commission’s will clarify that its intent was that no later than February 1, 2020, the monthly Missouri USF support for Disabled program subscribers shall be \$24.00, and the monthly support for Lifeline program subscribers shall be increased up to \$16.75, so that the total Lifeline support from federal and state programs combined shall be \$24.00.

Third, “Staff further requests the Commission clarify that, although the assessment is suspended effective 1/1/2020, providers are required to remit to the fund administrator any assessments collected through 12/31/2019, no matter the providers’ remittance cycle.” The Commission will specify that providers are required to remit to the fund administrator any assessments collected through December 31, 2019, no matter the providers’ remittance cycle.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission’s Motion for Clarification is granted.
2. An affected provider may implement the support change as soon as practical, but no later than February 1, 2020.
3. No later than February 1, 2020, the monthly Missouri USF support for Disabled program subscribers shall be \$24.00, and the monthly support for Lifeline program subscribers shall be increased up to \$16.75, so that the total Lifeline support from federal and state programs combined shall be \$24.00.
4. Providers are required to remit to the fund administrator any assessments collected through December 31, 2019, no matter the providers’ remittance cycle.

5. This order shall become effective on December 13, 2019.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge