

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF GIBSON CONNECT, LLC FOR	)	
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE	)	CASE NO.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER	)	2018-00333

ORDER

On September 27, 2018, Gibson Connect, LLC (Gibson Connect), a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, filed an application under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). The Commission issued its final Order on February 25, 2019, granting the request of Gibson Connect to be designated as an ETC. On March 18, 2019, Gibson Connect filed a Motion for Clarification (Motion) regarding low-income voice customers' eligibility to receive support from the Kentucky Universal Service Fund (KUSF).

Gibson Connect states in the motion that it had requested to be eligible to offer both federal and Kentucky Lifeline support for eligible, low-income customers. The final Order did not expressly state that Gibson Connect would be eligible to receive low-income support from the KUSF.

The Commission requires that companies meet the federal requirements to be designated as an ETC to be eligible to receive low-income support from the KUSF. The Commission concluded that Gibson Connect met the requirements to be designated as an ETC and should, therefore, be eligible to receive low-income support from the KUSF.

Having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised,

the Commission finds that this case should be reopened, Gibson Connect's motion for clarification should be granted, and the February 25, 2019 Order should be amended to reflect that Gibson Connect's designation as an ETC includes receiving Kentucky low-income support from the KUSF for eligible low-income customers in the census blocks as stated in the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This case is reopened.
2. Gibson Connect's motion is granted.
3. Gibson Connect is designated as an ETC for the purpose of receiving low-income support from the KUSF in the census blocks as stated in the application.
4. All other provisions of the Commission's February 25, 2019 Order that are not in conflict with the terms of this Order shall remain in effect.
5. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission

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