

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, LLC

DOCKET NO. 2001-UA-451

IN RE: PETITION OF CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. § 214(E)(2)

**ORDER**

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Cellular South Licenses, LLC<sup>1</sup> ("CSL") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2021 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by CSL, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1. On June 19, 2001, CSL filed its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2). On December 18, 2001, CSL was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the non-rural BellSouth service areas. On September 23, 2004, CSL was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents (which Order was subsequently clarified on November 3, 2004).

2. On July 2, 2020, CSL filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2021 for approval by the Commission. CSL's 2021 Plan included the areas served by AT&T (formerly BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) and the Rural Independent Telephone Companies.

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<sup>1</sup> This Docket was initiated by Cellular South Licenses, Inc., however, on November 1, 2010, Cellular South Licenses, Inc. filed an LLC Certificate of Formation with the Mississippi Secretary of State. Effective December 31, 2010 Cellular South Licenses, Inc. was merged with and into Cellular South Licenses, LLC, with Cellular South Licenses, LLC as the surviving entity.

3. The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that CSL's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2021 is consistent with the Commission's Orders dated April 6, 2007, and November 15, 2012, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that CSL's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2021 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).
2. CSL shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing annual reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.
3. This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

COMMISSION VOTE

Chairman Dane Maxwell

Aye X Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Brent Bailey

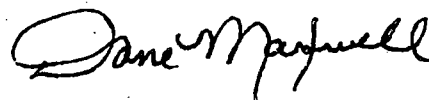
Aye X Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Brandon Presley

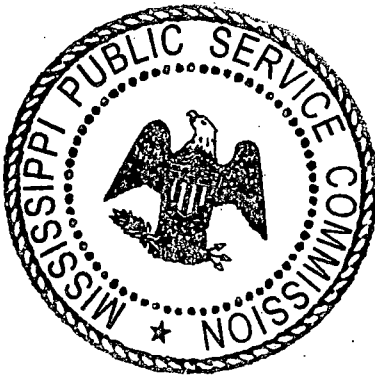
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SO ORDERED this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

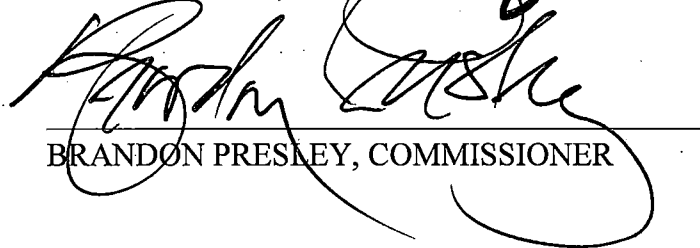


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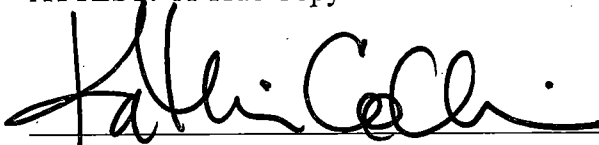


BRENT BAILEY, COMMISSIONER



BRANDON PRESLEY, COMMISSIONER

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KATHERINE COLLIER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Effective this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.