

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

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2000-AD-040

IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS RECEIVING FEDERAL UNIVERSAL
SERVICE HIGH COST SUPPORT ORDER

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization for the year 2021 Federal Universal Service Funding (“USF”) submitted by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a/ AT&T Mississippi (“AT&T Mississippi”), upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff (“Staff”) and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1. On January 19, 2000, the Commission established this docket to certify, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Universal Service Order, that the use of federal universal service high cost support in Mississippi is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). In accordance with the FCC’s Universal Service Order and with this Commission’s Order of January 19, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC (“BellSouth”) submitted a Plan for Utilization of the year 2000 Federal Universal Service funding that was consistent with the principles of universal service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order. On March 14, 2000, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth’s proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2000 in Mississippi was consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2. On June 30, 2020, AT&T Mississippi submitted its Plan for Utilization of the year 2021 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission.

3. The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that AT&T Mississippi's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund 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 FCC Orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The Commission hereby certifies that AT&T Mississippi's Plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi for the year 2021 as proposed in its plan submitted to the Commission on June 30, 2020, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and is, therefore, approved.

2. AT&T Mississippi 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

Aye X Nay _____

SO ORDERED this the 28th day of September, 2020.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dane Maxwell

DANE MAXWELL, CHAIRMAN



Brent Bailey

BRENT BAILEY, COMMISSIONER

Brandon Presley

BRANDON PRESLEY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A True Copy

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KATHERINE COLLIER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Effective this the 28th day of September, 2020.