BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of) Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company) For a Name Change to Northeast Missouri) Rural Telephone Company d/b/a) NEMR Telecom)

File No. KA-2021-0212

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation*.

1. On January 11, 2021, the above-referenced Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, ("Company") filed a notice of a name change to Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company d/b/a NEMR Telecom. The Company filed all requisite documentation and has no applicable tariff.

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) provides that any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the Commission of the name change and lays out the methods and requirements for such notice. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that although the company does not appear to have provided advance notice of the name change the Company has complied with all other aspects of the rule. No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name change and grant such other and further relief as it finds just in the circumstances.

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Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 26th day of January, 2021, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>