

January 19, 2018

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Tariff Update - PSC MO. NO. 1 - Missouri Basic Local Exchange Tariff - Approval to change the Company name to ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

Please accept this letter for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as a request by ExOp of Missouri, Inc. (the "Company") for approval to effectuate a name change in ExOp of Missouri, Inc.'s fictitious business name from FairPoint Communications to Consolidated Communications.

By this letter, ExOp of Missouri, Inc. requests a letter of authorization from the Commission changing its certificated name from ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications to ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications, with an effective date of February 19, 2018. This new d/b/a is to be reflected in all company references, including all operating authorities granted to the Company by the Commission.

The Company is filing a revised tariff Title Sheet for Missouri Basic Local Exchange PSC MO. No. 1 to reflect the new name ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications, and requesting an effective date of February 19, 2018 for this page, contemporaneously with this name change request. This tariff does not change the corporate entity actually providing service, any of the terms and conditions or any of the service offerings of ExOp of Missouri, Inc.

Also enclosed is an Adoption Notice Supplement. The evidence of d/b/a name form from the Secretary of State will be sent at a later date once it is received.

ExOp of Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests the Commission's expeditious grant of any necessary approvals for the name change and tariff described herein.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com with any questions or concerns regarding this filing, or if anything additional is required.

Regards,

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