BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Joint Application of New Florence Telephone Company, Tiger Telephone, Inc. and Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. for an order authorizing Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. to purchase or acquire, take or hold all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Tiger Telephone, Inc.

Case No. TO-2007-0139

NOTICE OF CLOSING

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Come now Leonard May; Garrin Bott; Kip Wilson; Jeremy Smith; Scott Hendrickson; and Elizabeth Dunn, ("the Purchasing Shareholders"), and, pursuant to the *Order Authorizing Sale of Stock* ("Order") issued in this matter effective March 31, 2007, file this Notice of Closing. The Purchasing Shareholders respectfully state as follows:

1. On page 5-6 of the Order the Commission discusses the Staff's recommendation regarding the certification of New Florence Telephone Company ("New Florence") for the receipt of Federal Universal Service Funds. Staff recommends that "upon closing of the transaction, the purchasing shareholders file a notice with the Commission that the Stock Purchase Agreement has been executed and that the certification be effective as of the closing date of the transaction."

2. The closing of the transaction transferring the stock of Tiger Telephone, Inc. ("TigerTel") to the Purchasing Shareholders was effective on April 1, 2007. In accordance with the Staff recommendation and the provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement entered into in Case No. TC-2006-0184, the Purchasing Shareholders respectfully request that the Commission

certify New Florence to receive federal Universal Service Funds effective April 1, 2007.

Wherefore, the Purchasing Shareholders respectfully submit their Notice of Closing herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent electronically, hand-delivered or mailed, United States Mail, postage prepaid, this 12^{44} day of April, 2007, to:

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