BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Aristotle Unified Communications LLC)		
)	Docket No.	
Application for Designation as a Eligible	ý		
Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of)		
Receiving Federal Universal Service Support)		
For the purpose of receiving support from)		
the FCC Connect America Fund – Phase II)		
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REQUEST TO TREAT EXHIBITS AS CONFIDENTIAL

Aristotle Unified Communications LLC ("AUC") respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") treat as confidential certain documents submitted with its Application for Designation as a Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Missouri. AUC makes this request pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135. For the reasons stated below, AUC requests that the following documents be treated as confidential: Exhibit D – the Technology and System Design of AUC; and Exhibit F – the Financial Statements of AUC.

AUC requests that Exhibit D be held as confidential pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135(A)(3), (4), and (5). The technology and network descriptions detailed in Exhibit D contain market specific information related to the methodology the Company uses to provision service to its customers. The information contained in Exhibit D is closely held by the Company and distributed within the Company only on a need-to-know basis. The sensitive and confidential information is not available to the public. Public release of this sensitive and confidential financial information would create an unfair competitive disadvantage to AUC by allowing its competition unfettered access to otherwise confidential and sensitive financial information.

Public release of the Company's sensitive and confidential information would be likely to cause damage to the Company's competitive or bidding position.

AUC requests that Exhibit F be held as confidential pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135(A)(3), (4), and (5). The Financial Statements included in Exhibit F contains highly confidential and sensitive financial information. The sensitive and confidential financial information is closely held by the Company and distributed within the Company only on a need-to-know basis. The sensitive and confidential information is not available to the public. Public release of this sensitive and confidential financial information would create an unfair competitive disadvantage to AUC by allowing its competition unfettered access to otherwise confidential and sensitive financial information. Public release of the Company's sensitive and confidential information would be likely to cause damage to the Company's competitive or bidding position.

For the reasons stated above, AUC respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order holding Exhibits D and F to be Confidential pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135(A)(3), (4), and (5).

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