# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Name Change of	)	
YourTel America, Inc. to YourTel America,	)	File No. RN-2017-0082
Inc. d/b/a Missouri TerraCom	)	

#### **RESPONSE TO STAFF INQUIRIES**

COMES NOW YourTel America, Inc. d/b/a Missouri TerraCom and, in response to inquiries from the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in this matter, states as follows:

- 1. In the late Fall of 2015, YourTel America, Inc.: (a) became a wholly-owned subsidiary of TerraCom, Inc., an already-affiliated company; (b) ceased doing *wireline* telecommunications business in the State of Missouri and became only a *wireless* ETC provider in Missouri; and (c) changed its name by adding a fictitious name, "Missouri TerraCom." Upon advice from Commission Staff at the time, notice of these changes was provided to the Commission as non-case-related filings in BCES-2016-0228.
- 2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is the filing made by YourTel America, Inc. on November 29, 2015 in BCES-2016-0228, which filing was intended to serve as the name change notice required by the Commission's rules at the time.
- 3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is the fictitious name registration from the Missouri Secretary of State's office reflecting the "Missouri TerraCom" fictitious name. The Secretary of State's stamp on the top of the registration shows it was filed on November 25, 2015 and is effective until November 25, 2020.
- 4. The Secretary of State's website shows that both YourTel America and the fictitious name of Missouri TerraCom are current and in good standing. Undersigned

counsel has not been able to ascertain whether a "certificate" can be obtained from the Missouri Secretary of State showing both the YourTel America corporate status and the Missouri TerraCom fictitious name. However, attached to this Response are copies of pages printed from the Secretary of State website on September 26, 2016 showing that YourTel America, Inc. is in good standing (**Exhibit C**) and that the Missouri TerraCom fictitious name is active (**Exhibit D**).

- 5. This matter was unfortunately complicated by several unanticipated twists following YourTel America's initial pre-notice to the Commission, by letter dated October 19, 2015, of a pending corporate merger between YourTel America, Inc. and TerraCom, affiliated companies owned by the same major shareholders and which were managed by a shared management team. A copy of that pre-notice letter is attached as **Exhibit E.** The form of the corporate reorganization changed and the name "TerraCom" was not allowed by the Missouri Secretary of State without adding "Missouri" before it, so YourTel's notices to the Commission in BCES-2016-0228 changed more than once before the transaction was completed.
- 6. As indicated in the October 19, 2015 pre-notice letter (Exhibit E), YourTel America did cancel its *wireline* certificates and tariffs, as granted by the Commission in its *Order Canceling Certificate and Accompanying Tariffs* issued on December 24, 2015 in MoPSC File No. TD-2016-0138. So, as of the date of this filing, YourTel America, Inc. d/b/a Missouri TerraCom provides only *wireless* ETC service in Missouri, within the Commission's jurisdiction.

7. However, the name change of which notice was provided by notice of November 29, 2015 in BCES-2016-0228 (Exhibit A) has never been acknowledged by the Commission.

8. YourTel America gave notice to its customers of the name change via text message to each customer. Since the notice was via text message, no hard copy can be provided. However, the notice informed customers of the name change; that service, rates and terms would not change; of their right to choose another provider; and contact information for concerns or questions.

9. YourTel America, Inc. d/b/a Missouri TerraCom, deeply appreciates the Commission Staff's attention to this matter and will be most grateful to have the Commission acknowledge its name change from YourTel America, Inc. d/b/a Missouri TerraCom.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served electronically on the PSC Staff Counsel's office (at staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov) and on the Office of the Public Counsel (at opcservice@ded.mo.gov) on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

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## **EXHIBITS**

### (Filed as separate pdf files)

- A. YourTel Notice of November 29, 2015, BCES-2016-0228
- B. Fictitious Name Registration YourTel America d/b/a Missouri TerraCom
- C. YourTel America Good Standing Missouri Secretary of State Website
- D. Missouri TerraCom Fictitious Name Missouri Secretary of State Website
- E. YourTel Pre-Notice Letter of October 19, 2015