

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Name Change of)
FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.)
d/b/a Consolidated Communications to)
Consolidated Communications Of Missouri)
Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications)

Case No. TN-2019-0187

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation* in this matter hereby states:

1. On December 20, 2018, FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Consolidated Communications filed a notice of a name change along with tariff adoption notices reflecting the new name Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications. The Commission issued an order in response directing Staff to file a recommendation no later than January 4, 2019.

2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-28.011.2 establishes the filing requirements for certificated company name changes and directs the company to provide advance notice to the Commission in the form of a letter signed by a company official which states the new name and the date by which it will take effect, documentation from the Missouri Secretary of State that the name has been registered and a statement that the company has reviewed and updated, when applicable, its contacts in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS). The rule also directs companies with an active tariff to either replace the existing tariff in its entirety or file a one-page adoption notice of the existing tariff.

3. Staff reviewed the Company's filing and determined that it has met all requirements of 4 CSR 240-28.011.2. In lieu of a memorandum Staff herein states that the Company has complied with the rule. The adoption notices filed in conjunction with the notice of name change will result in the Company's adoption of PSC Mo Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

4. Staff recommends the Commission recognize the Company's name change and adoption of PSC Mo. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the Company's name change from FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Consolidated Communications to Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectively submitted,

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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 4th day of January, 2019, to all counsel of record.

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