

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

In the Matter of the Name Change of ExOp)
of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint)
Communications to ExOp of Missouri, Inc.)
d/b/a Consolidated Communications) **File No. TN-2018-0197**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation*.

1. On January 19, 2018, the above-referenced ExOp of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (“Company”) filed a notice of a name change along with updated tariff sheets reflecting the new name. The Company filed all requisite documentation.

2. Rule 4 CSR 240-28.030(9) establishes filing requirements for certificated company name changes; in lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Company has complied with the rule. No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name change; and grant such other and further relief as it finds just in the circumstances.

Respectfully 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 2nd day of February, 2018, to all counsel of record.

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