BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Notice of Name Change of) Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company) d/b/a NEMR Telecom to Northeast Missouri) Rural Telephone Company d/b/a NEMR) File No. TN-2022-0348 Tariff Nos. YI-2022-0275 and YX-2022-0276

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 June 13, 2022, the above-referenced Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company ("Company") filed a notice of adoption of NEMR as its fictitious name and filed updated tariff sheets reflecting the new name the same day. On June 16, 2022, the Company filed supplemental documents to comply with 20 CSR 4240-31.015(2). The Company has filed all requisite documentation.

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) provides that any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the Commission of the name change and lays out the methods and requirements for such notice. 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.

3. Tariffs were submitted with the application, effective June 23, 2022. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and recommend that the Commission approve the tariffs or allow them to take effect by operation of law.

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WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name change from Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company d/b/a NEMR Telecom to Northeast Missouri Rural Telecom d/b/a NEMR; permit the revised tariff sheets to take effect; and grant such other and further relief as it finds just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>

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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 8th day of July, 2022, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>