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

In the matter of the Cancellation of	)	
Certificate of Service Authority of	)	File No. PD-2011-0315
Sunset Enterprises, Inc.	)	

## SUNSET ENTERPRISES, INC.S OBJECTION TO AND SUGGESTIONS OPPOSING STAFF'S MOTION FOR CANCELLATION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

COMES Now Sunset Enterprises, Inc. ("Sunset Enterprises" or "Company"), by its undersigned counsel, and respectfully submits its objection and suggestions in opposition to the Staff Motion for Cancellation (Staff's Motion) and, insofar as necessary, requests a hearing on the matter. In support, Sunset Enterprises states the following to the Commission:

- 1. Sunset Enterprises is an authorized private pay telephone service provider in the State of Missouri. It received its certificate of service authority on January 7, 1995 in Case No. TA-95-191.
- 2. On March 25, 2011 the Staff of the Commission filed its motion requesting that Sunset Enterprises' certificate be canceled. The asserted basis for Staff's motion is that for the years 2008 and 2009, the Company reported zero Missouri jurisdictional revenue in its annual statements of revenue for those years.
- 3. It is unclear whether the rates charged by some incumbent telephone companies comply with Federal Communications Commission standards and are therefore not set at proper competitive levels. As a consequence, Sunset Enterprises is a complainant in a complaint before the Commission filed by certain other payphone providers in Case No. TC-2005-0067. That

complaint has not been resolved although the parties have engaged in negotiations toward a settlement. Sunset Enterprises wishes to preserve party status in the complaint.

- 4. Sunset Enterprises appeals to the Commission to keep the Company's certificate active. Although the process of reapplying for certification is uncomplicated, it would be in the public interest for Sunset Enterprises to avoid duplicating the expense of reapplication.
- 5. In its April 8, 2001 Order Directing Notice, the Commission directed that objections be filed no later than April 18, 2011. This objection and suggestions are being filed out of time for the reason that the undersigned is involved in preparation for trial in *McGuire*, *et al.*, *v. Synergy LLC*, *et al.*, Case No. 09HE-CC00036, in Henry County, Missouri. As a consequence of preparing for trial, the deadline for filing the objection was overlooked. Failing to meet the filing deadline was not for purposes of delay but rather due to circumstances which the Company asks the Commission to deem excusable.

WHEREFORE, Sunset Enterprises submits its objection to Staff's Motion for cancellation of the Company's Certificate of Service Authority and requests a hearing upon the matter, and after hearing, prays that the Commission deny Staff's Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 26th day of April, 2011, to General Counsel's Office at gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us; and Office of Public Counsel at <a href="mailto:opcservice@ded.state.mo.us">opcservice@ded.state.mo.us</a>.

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