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

In the Matter of the Amount )	
Assessed on Companies to Fund the )	File No. TO-2013-
Missouri Universal Service Fund	

## MOTION TO DECREASE ASSESSMENT

**Comes Now** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), on behalf of the Missouri Universal Service Board ("MoUSB"), and for its *Motion* states:

- 1. On February 13, 2013, the MoUSB met and voted to reduce the assessment from .0025 to .0017. The MoUSB recommends the new assessment have an effective date of July 1, 2013. The Staff requests a Commission order approving such a modification. The assessment rate was last adjusted in 2012.
- 2. Section 392.248, RSMo 2000, establishes the Missouri Universal Service Fund ("MoUSF") "to ensure just, reasonable and affordable rates for reasonably comparable essential local telecommunications services throughout the state." Rule 4 CSR 240-31.060(7) provides that the MoUSB may implement changes in assessment levels as is appropriate to adjust the fund's receipts to meet its funding obligations.
- 3. Section 392.248.3, RSMo 2000, states that the Commission shall establish the level of universal service fund funding necessary to fund the purposes set forth in the statute.
- 4. The Staff requests that the companies who have the MoUSF assessment rate in their tariffs file the changes to those tariffs with at least ten days notice, and that irrespective of when the tariff sheets go into effect, the new rate will go into effect on July 1, 2013.

5. The Staff requests that it be relieved of serving this pleading on anyone, as there are no parties to this matter, and asks that the Commission electronically notify all telecommunications carriers (including IXCs, CLECs, and ILECs) and all IVoIP providers of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff requests that the Commission change the assessment rate, make it effective on July 1, 2013 and instruct the Data Center to notify all telecommunications companies and IVoIP providers of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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