

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

In the Matter of the Notice of Name Change from)
St. John's Mercy Health System d/b/a St. John's)
Mercy Hospital to Mercy Hospitals East Communities d/b/a) **File No. ZN-2012-0256**
Mercy Hospital Washington and the Name Change from)
St. John's Mercy Medical Center to Mercy Hospital St. John's)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. On January 20, 2012, Mercy Health ministry notified the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) of its affiliate organizations’ name changes to Mercy Hospitals East Communities in a cover letter. The cover letter did not provide a clear statement that articulated what the old names and new names being changed were, nor was proof of registration of such name change(s) attached to the cover letter.

2. The caption of this file does not accurately identify all of the names within this name change application because the Applicant (herein after “Applicant” or “Mercy Health”) has indicated to Staff that within the subject line of its cover letter to the Commission the name “Mercy Hospital St. John’s” is incorrect. “Mercy Hospital St. John’s” is not the name of an existing affiliate entity and is likely a typographical error that should have read “Mercy Hospital St. Louis.” This error caused confusion to Staff when creating the file caption and the mistake in names was unclear in the cover letter.

3. On February 14, 2012, the Applicant electronically-submitted to Staff proof of name change registration with the Secretary of the State Missouri. Additionally, the Applicant provided necessary clarification to its name change request, clearly stating the new name changes.

4. Staff describes and outlines the new name change notifications of the Shared Tenant Services (“STS”) providers more clearly and accurately below.

- a) St. John's Mercy Health System (a certificated STS provider) has changed its name to Mercy Hospitals East Communities.
 - b) St. John's Mercy Hospital (a certificated STS provider) has changed its name to Mercy Hospitals East Communities d/b/a Mercy Hospital Washington.
 - c) St. John's Mercy Medical Center (a certificated STS provider) has changed its name to Mercy Hospitals East Communities d/b/a Mercy Hospital St. Louis.
5. Pursuant to Section 392.520.1, the Commission's jurisdiction over STS providers is limited; for example, they are exempt from the tariff filing and other requirements.
6. Having reviewed the filing, Staff states that Mercy Hospitals East Communities have sufficiently complied with 4 CSR 240-2.062 to change their names.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order that recognizes the name change of St. John's Mercy Health System to Mercy Hospitals East Communities, recognizes the name change of St. John's Mercy Hospital to Mercy Hospitals East Communities d/b/a Mercy Hospital Washington, and recognizes the name change of St. John's Mercy Medical Center to Mercy Hospitals East Communities d/b/a Mercy Hospital St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ TANYA K. ALM

Tanya K. Alm
Missouri Bar No. 62721
Attorney for the Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 526-6036 (Telephone)
(573) 751-9285 (Facsimile)
tanya.alm@psc.mo.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 15th day of February, 2012.

/S/ TANYA K. ALM