

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

In the Matter of the Name Change of)
New Florence Telephone Company to)
New Florence Telephone Company d/b/a)
Missouricom for Interexchange and Non-Switched)
Local Exchange Services; the Adoption of Direct)
Communications Long Distance, Inc.'s Intrastate)
Interexchange Tariffs by New Florence Telephone)
Company d/b/a Missouricom; and the Cancellation)
Of the Certificate of Service Authority of Direct)
Communications Long Distance, Inc.)

File No. XN-2017-0237
Tariff No. YX-2017-0175

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On March 15, 2017, the above-referenced Company completed a filing of notice of a name change. The Company also filed tariff adoption notices bearing an effective date of April 1, 2017.

2. Rule 4 CSR 240-2.062 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 filed tariff adoption sheets are also compliant with Commission rules.

3. The Company also filed to cancel the Certificate of Service Authority granted to Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc. The Company filed all requisite documentation for each of these actions and is in compliance with the applicable rules. Staff recommends the Commission grant the Company’s requests.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name change for the purposes of all certificates; approve adoption of the Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc. tariff; cancel the certificate of service authority of Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc.; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers 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 27th day of March, 2017, to all counsel of record.

/s/Whitney Payne