

January 19, 2018

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Tariff Update - PSC MO. NO. 3 - Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Tariff - Approval to change the Company name to FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

Please accept this letter for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as a request by FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. (the "Company") for approval to effectuate a name change in FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.'s fictitious business name from FairPoint Communications to Consolidated Communications.

By this letter, FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. requests a letter of authorization from the Commission changing its certificated name from FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications to FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications, with an effective date of February 19, 2018. This new d/b/a is to be reflected in all company references, including all operating authorities granted to the Company by the Commission.

The Company is filing a revised tariff Title Sheet for Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service PSC MO. No. 3 to reflect the new name FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications, and requesting an effective date of February 19, 2018 for this page, contemporaneously with this name change request. This tariff does not change the corporate entity actually providing service, any of the terms and conditions or any of the service offerings of FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.

Also enclosed is an Adoption Notice Supplement. The evidence of d/b/a name form from the Secretary of State will be sent at a later date once it is received.

FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests the Commission's expeditious grant of any necessary approvals for the name change and tariff described herein.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com with any questions or concerns regarding this filing, or if anything additional is required.

Regards.

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