BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Steelville Telephone)
Exchange's Notice of Adoption to STE) File No. DN-2023-0220
Communications as a Fictitious Name)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

- 1. On January 6, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2), Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("Company") submitted a letter to the Commission advising it had adopted "STE Communications" as its fictitious name, and requested the Commission acknowledge its adoption of STE Communications in regards to using it for its Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service ("IVoIP") services.
- 2. Previously on October 15, 2020, the Commission recognized the adoption of STE Communications as a fictitious name for the Company in Case Number IN-2021-0102, with regard to the Company's ILEC and IXC certificates.
- 3. On January 6, 2023, the Commission Ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding the Company's request by January 26, 2023.
 - 4. 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) states in relevant part:
 - (2) Any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the commission of the name change.
 - (A) Notice may be in the form of a letter signed by company official submitted into Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) as a new case submission containing the following information:
 - 1. The new name of the company and date the new name takes effect:

- 2. Documentation that the new name is registered with the Missouri Secretary of State; and
- 3. A statement the company has reviewed and, if necessary, updated the company's contacts in EFIS.
- 5. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states: the Company has filed all the requisite documentation and that the Company has complied with all aspects of the rules set forth in 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2). No entities have intervened to oppose the name change. There are no tariffs in this matter. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission recognize the Company's adopted fictitious name of STE Communications with regards to its IVoIP registration and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 23rd day of January, 2023.

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