

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

In the Matter of ExOp of Missouri, Inc.,)	Case No.CN-2008-0246
d/b/a Unite, Changing Name to ExOp of)	Tariff No. YC-2008-0446
Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint)	Tariff No. YC-2008-0447
Communications.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the use of the fictitious name “FairPoint Communications” by ExOp of Missouri, Inc. (“ExOp”).

2. ExOp has fulfilled the requirements of the Commission’s rule governing name changes at 4 CSR 240-2.060(5) in that the request contains a clear statement of the old and new names, and the request was accompanied by (a) a copy of the Registration of Fictitious Name issued by the Missouri Secretary of State (demonstrating that ExOp of Missouri, Inc. has registered the name FairPoint Communications for use in Missouri); and (b) adoption notices and revised tariff title pages identifying the new name on the Company’s switched access services tariff and its basic local exchange tariff.

3. Customers have been notified of the name change in compliance with 4 CSR 240-3.545(20).

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order acknowledging that ExOp of Missouri, Inc. will do business under the fictitious name of FairPoint Communications, and approving the tariff sheets filed to effectuate that name change, effective February 27, 2008, as requested by ExOp.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 15th day of February 2008.

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