BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Relinquishment of)
the Interconnected Voice over Internet) File No. DD-2016-0307
Provider Authorization for Hoteligent)
Telecommunications, Inc.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Motion states:

- 1. On March 23, 2016, Hoteligent Telecommunications, Inc. applied for registration to offer and provide IVoIP in exchanges statewide in the State of Missouri, pursuant to Section 392.550, RSMo. The application was designated as File No. DA-2016-2040.
- 2. Section 392.550, RSMo, states that the Commission *shall* grant a registration, without a hearing, and no later than 30 days after the filing of a satisfactory application accompanied by an affidavit.
- 3. The Commission reviewed the Company's application and found that it complied with the requirements of Section 392.550, RSMo, and ordered their registration become effective April 15, 2016.
- 4. On May 17, 2016, the Company filed with the Commission a letter providing notice of its intent to voluntarily relinquish its IVoIP registration, and on May 23, 2016, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to File a Recommendation*, directing Staff to file with the Commission a recommendation regarding the Company's relinquishment of its IVoIP registration.

- 5. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-28.030(10) establishes the notice requirements for cancellation of certifications or registrations previously granted by the Commission; in lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Company has complied with the Rule.
- 5. Further, it is Staff's opinion, when considering the procedures for approving IVoIP applications under Section 392.550, RSMo, that the Commission does not have discretion to deny a sufficient request for cancellation filed pursuant to the Commission Rules.

WHEREFORE, although Staff does not believe the Commission has discretion to deny a sufficient request for cancellation of a registration, Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission cancel the IVoIP registration of Hoteligent, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 $6^{\rm th}$ day of June, 2016.

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