BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Investigation of)	
Aristotle Unified Communications, LLC)	File No. TO-2023-0436
Related to the Connect America Fund)	
)	

MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its *Motion* in this matter states as follows:

- 1. Staff filed its *Report and Recommendation* on September 18, 2023. Aristotle filed a *Response* on September 27, 2023, along with a *Supplement* on October 2, 2023, and requested a hearing.
- 2. In its *Response* and *Supplement* Aristotle mistakenly states that Staff has recommended that the Commission revoke Aristotle's eligible telecommunications company (ETC) status. To clarify, Staff has recommended that the Commission should not approve Aristotle for recertification, pursuant to the federal High Cost Program through the Universal Service Fund (USF) under 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314. This action will pause Aristotle's USF funding beginning January 1, 2024 but does not affect its ETC status.
- 3. Staff asks that the Commission order a procedural conference so that the parties may discuss whether a hearing is necessary and, if so, appropriate dates for a procedural schedule. Staff will continue to work with the Company to get answers regarding the concerns expressed in its *Report* and will continue to provide updates as necessary to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Motion*; will issue an order scheduling a procedural conference; and grant such other and further relief as is 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 4th day of October, 2023, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Scurlock