BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of United Services, Inc's) File No. SR-2024-0206 Rate Increase Request)

RESPONSE REGARING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and on behalf of itself, United Services, Inc., and the Office of the Public Counsel, and for its *Response Regarding Local Public Hearing*, states as follows:

1. On January 2, 2024, United Services, Inc. filed a letter requesting an increase in its overall annual operating revenues in a staff assisted rate case.

2. On January 5, 2024, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Responses Regarding Local Public Hearing* ordering the parties to file a joint response listing recommended dates and locations for a local public hearing, or a statement stating that all parties agree that a local public hearing is not necessary no later than January 12, 2024.

3. Under the Small Utility Rate Case Timeline filed in this case, January 12, 2024 is also the target date for the circulation of a draft of the initial customer notice between the parties. January 22, 2024 is the target date for United Services, Inc. to mail an initial customer notice and notice of local public hearing. The parties have agreed to hold a virtual public hearing in this case but are still discussing potential dates.

4. Recognizing that the Commission is involved in the scheduling of public hearings, the parties anticipate filing proposed dates for a virtual public hearing no later than January 17, 2024.

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WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Response Regarding Local Public

Hearing for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 12th day of January, 2024.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>