

January 15, 2024

Morris Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of United Services, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*; File Nos. RA-2019-0087 and DA-2021-0200;

***In the Matter of the Application of United Services, Inc. to Provide Telecommunications and/or Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol*; File No. DA-2018-0192;**

In the Matter of the Application of United Services, Inc. for Video Service Authorization, File Nos. KA-2012-0152; KA-2015-0307; KA-2015-0319; KA-2017-0218; KA-2019-0122; KA-2019-243; KA-2022-218;

Notification of ETC Name Change and *Pro Forma* Transfer of Control and Assignment Involving United Services, Inc.

Dear Secretary Woodruff:

United Electric Cooperative, Inc. and its wholly owned direct subsidiary, United Services, Inc., both Missouri corporations, notify the Commission about the upcoming *pro forma* transfer of control and assignment involving United Services, Inc. United Services, Inc. was a winning bidder in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Connect America Fund – Phase II (CAF II) and Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I (RDOF) auctions. United Services, Inc. was also designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by this Commission in File Nos. RA-2019-0087 and DA-2021-0200.¹ United Services, Inc. also holds state Video Service Authorizations for various political subdivisions granted by the Commission in the file numbers listed above. As part of this *pro forma* transfer, the name of United Services, Inc. will be changed to United Fiber, LLC and we request the Commission change the company's ETC status, IVoIP registrations and video registrations to the new name, United Fiber, LLC.

Background

¹ See Order Granting Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, File No. DA-2021-0200 (eff. April 2, 2021); see also Order Granting Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, File No. RA-2019-0087 (eff. Dec. 15, 2018), and Order Correcting Order, File No. RA-2019-0087 (eff. Nov. 21, 2018).

United Electric Cooperative, Inc. intends to form United Holdings, Inc., a Missouri corporation, and will contribute the stock of United Services, Inc., to United Holdings, Inc., in exchange for the stock of United Holdings, Inc. United Services, Inc. will convert to a limited liability company under Missouri law, becoming United Services, LLC, and change its name to United Fiber, LLC. United Holdings, Inc. will change its name to United Services, Inc. No substantive change in control will occur because of the corporate restructuring. Attached is a diagram that illustrates the *pro forma* transfer of control and assignment involving United Services, Inc. Ultimately, United Fiber, LLC will be the entity that assumes all of the CAF II and RDOF obligations from United Services, Inc., as well as its subscribers.

The transfer of control and assignment of United Services, Inc. will be seamless from a subscriber perspective. Subscribers of United Services, Inc. will see no changes to any of their services or the costs of those services. United Services currently does business in Missouri as “United Fiber”, pursuant to a fictitious name filing and has for over ten years.

United Services, Inc. has notified the FCC of this corporate reorganization and requests that the Commission take whatever action is needed to identify United Fiber, LLC as the new ETC entity in Missouri – replacing United Services, Inc. – to ensure that United Fiber, LLC is eligible, going forward, to receive distributions from the federal High-Cost (e.g., CAF II, RDOF) and Low Income (e.g., Lifeline) Programs. Our understanding is that this is accomplished through a name change notification.

United Services, Inc. receives distributions on a monthly basis and desires to complete the name change expeditiously, so as to not delay the payments. Our desire is to obtain the Commission’s Order approving the name change and then provide a copy of the Order to the appropriate federal authorities expeditiously to assure that support payments are continued to be received uninterrupted. The Employer Identification Number will remain the same and thus United Services, Inc. will file for the name change registration with the Missouri Secretary of State’s office immediately after receiving its January payment, which is normally received near the end of the month. We will then immediately update the record in this request with a copy of the Secretary of State registration with the new name as required by Commission rules, with the hope that the Commission will expeditiously issue its Order.

Name Change Notification:

Notification of the name change of the ETC is given pursuant to 20 CSR 420-31-015(2). In accordance with the name notification rule we provide the following and file such information, in the form of this letter, in the Commission’s Electronic Filing and Information System (“EFIS”):

- 1) Statement setting out both the old name and new name:

Old Name: United Services, Inc.
New Name: United Fiber, LLC

- 2) Evidence of Registration of New Name with Missouri Secretary of State:

As noted above, we will update the record with the new name registration with the Missouri Secretary of State once we receive it.

- 3) Statement that the Company will continue to comply with all applicable laws and rules relating to ETC designation:

A statement of compliance is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- 4) Statement that Company's contacts in EFIS have been reviewed and are complete:

A statement regarding the accuracy of Company's contacts in EFIS is included in the statement of compliance attached as Exhibit 1

- 5) Copy of the notice informing customers of the name change

United Services, Inc. has been using the name United Fiber pursuant to a fictitious name filing with the Missouri Secretary of State for several years and that is the name customers are familiar with. We attach as Exhibit 2 a copy of the fictitious name filing and a customer bill example showing that customers are already familiar with the name United Fiber. Accordingly, to avoid any customer confusion, we are not going to provide additional customer notification, unless directed by the Commission.

Thus, having complied with the provisions of 20 CSR 420-31-015(2), United Services, Inc. asks for an Order recognizing the name change of the ETC to United Fiber, LLC, contingent upon filing with the Commission a copy the name change registration with the Missouri Secretary of State.

United Services, Inc. also asks that the Commission identify United Fiber, LLC as the Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol registrant in Missouri – replacing United Services, Inc. – in File No. DA-2018-0192 upon receipt of a copy of the new name registration from the Secretary of State.

Finally, United Services, Inc. also asks that the Commission identify United Fiber, LLC as the holder of the Video Service Authorizations granted to United Services, Inc. pursuant to Section 67.2679.7 RSMo upon receipt of a copy of the new name registration from the Secretary of State.

If you have any questions regarding the *pro Forma* transfer of control and assignment involving United Services, Inc., please contact the undersigned.

Cinnamon Mueller



Bruce E. Beard

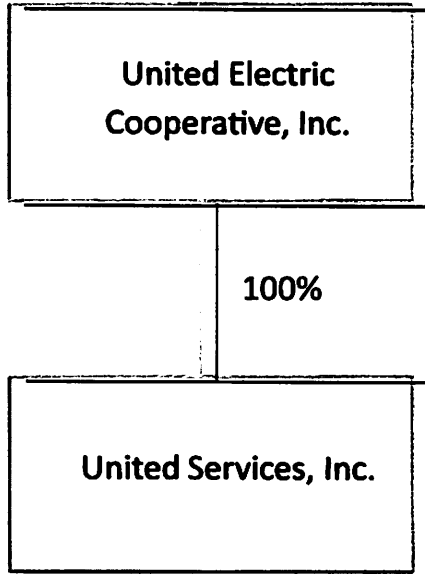
Missouri Bar #35171

**ATTORNEYS FOR UNITED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES**

Diagram of Name Change/Pro-Forma

**PROPOSED NAME CHANGE AND PRO FORMA CORPORATE REORGANIZATION
OF UNITED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., UNITED SERVICES, INC. AND UNITED FIBER, LLC**

BEFORE



AFTER

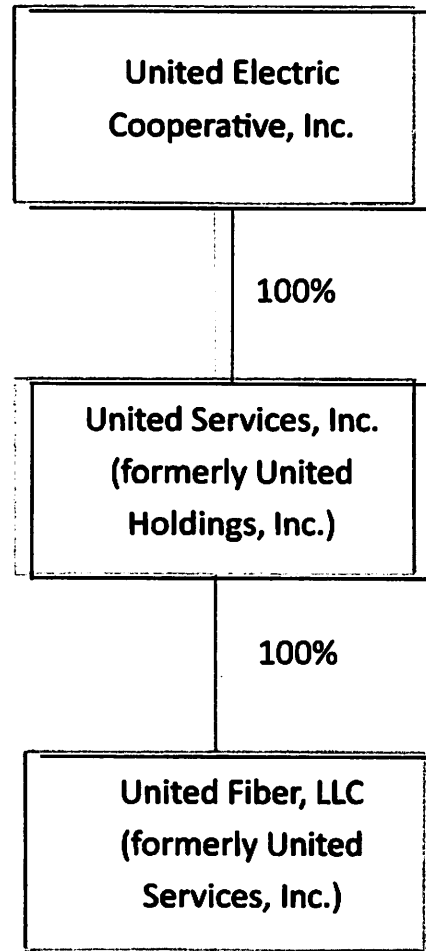


Exhibit 1

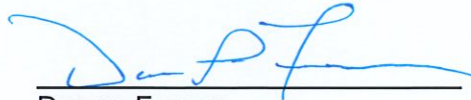
AFFIDAVIT AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

I, Darren Farnan, a natural person, do hereby swear and affirm that I am an officer of United Services, Inc, and will remain an officer when the name is changed to United Fiber, LLC. ("the Company"), and that the attached letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In connection with the name change from United Services, Inc. to United Fiber, LLC, I state as follows:

(1) The Company will continue to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including those associated with its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and continue to comply with the requirements associated with the awarding of the CAF-II and RDOF funding.

(2) The Company has checked its list of Company contacts in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") and the contacts are complete.

This concludes my affidavit and compliance certificate.



Darren Farnan
Chief Operations Officer

State of Missouri
County of Andrew
Subscribed and sworn before me this 12th day of January, 2024.



Lisa Landess
Notary Public

Notary Seal:



Exhibit 2



State of Missouri
John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State
 Corporations Division
 PO Box 778 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322
 Jefferson City, MO 65102

X001771388
Date Filed: 7/6/2023
Expiration Date: 7/6/2028
John R. Ashcroft
Missouri Secretary of State

Registration of Fictitious Name

(Submit with filing fee of \$7.00)
(Must be typed or printed)

This information is for the use of the public and gives no protection to the name being registered. There is no provision in this Chapter to keep another person or business entity from adopting and using the same name. The fictitious name registration expires 5 years from the filing date. (Chapter 417, RSMo)

Please check one box:

New Registration Renewal _____ Charter number
 Amendment _____ Charter number Correction _____ Charter number

The undersigned is doing business under the following name and at the following address:

Business name to be registered: UNITED FIBER
 Business Address: 30208 US Highway 136
(PO Box may only be used in addition to a physical street address)
 City, State and Zip Code: Maryville, MO 64468-8353

Owner Information:

If a business entity is an owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are jointly and severally liable, percentage of ownership need not be listed. Please attach a separate page for more than three owners. The parties having an interest in the business, and the percentage they own are:

Name of Owners, Individual or Business Entity	Charter # Required If Business Entity	Street and Number	City and State	Zip Code	If Listed, Percentage of Ownership Must Equal 100%
UNITED SERVICES, INC.	00381699	30208 US Highway 136 P O Box 757	Maryville, MO	64468 - 8353	

All owners must affirm by signing below

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:
 (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties of a false declaration under Section 575.060 RSMo)

UNITED SERVICES, INC. - Darren Farnan UNITED SERVICES, INC. - DARREN FARNAN 07/06/2023
Owner's Signature or Authorized Signature of Business Entity *Printed Name* *Date*

Name and address to return filed document:
 Name: William Lewis
 Address: Email: wlewis@lawofficemo.com
 City, State, and Zip Code: _____



PO Box 319
Savannah MO 64485-0319

1-800-748-1488 www.ueci.coop
1-800-585-6454 www.unitedfiber.com
1-888-469-8834 (PAY WITH VISA\MASTERCARD)

REDACTED



BILLING INFORMATION

Bills are due upon receipt. Allow 3 - 5 days if paying by mail.

Failure to receive your bill does not exempt you from monthly payments, late charges, or disconnection.

Bills may be paid in person at the following locations:
1016 S Main Street, Maryville MO - 8:30-5:00
30208 US Highway 136, Maryville MO - (Dropbox only)
1008 W Grand Ave, Cameron MO - 8:30-5:00
529 St Joseph Ave, Excelsior Springs MO - 8:30-5:00
401 N Highway 71, Savannah MO - 8:00-4:30
104 S Bridge Street, Smithville MO - 8:30-5:00
507 N 36th Street, St Joseph MO - 8:30-5:00

Billing Summary

Previous Balance	0.00
Payment	0.00
Balance Forward	0.00
Current Charges	REDACTED
Total Amount Due	REDACTED

Bill From	Bill To	Account #	Cycle	Rate	Service Description	Map Location	
01/01/2024	01/31/2024	REDACTED	1	IVC-R			
Current Billing Detail				Current Billing Detail con't			
DATA MONTHLY CHARGES - 01/01/24 TO 01/31/24 ENHANCED WIFI BLAST PROMO PRO REDACTED							
DATA PARTIAL MONTH CHARGES/CREDITS PRO - 12/26/23 TO 12/31/23 REDACTED							
DATA SUBTOTAL REDACTED							
OTHER MONTHLY CHARGES - 01/01/24 TO 01/31/24 STANDARD FIBER INSTALL (3 MO) OTHER SUBTOTAL							
				Billing Date	01/04/2024	Net Due	REDACTED
				Past Due After	01/24/2024	Gross Due	REDACTED
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS FOR FIBER PAYMENTS TO - UNITED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. THANK YOU. TECH SUPPORT - 1-800-585-6454							

Please detach and return this portion with your payment.

REDACTED

Account # REDACTED

Amount Due REDACTED

Amount Due After 01/24/2024 REDACTED

Billing Date 01/04/2024

United Fiber
PO Box 319
Savannah MO 64485-0319

