

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

**ARISTOTLE’S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Comes Now Aristotle Unified Communications Inc (Aristotle) pursuant to Commission Order and states as follows:

1. On March 6, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing instructing Aristotle to file a copy of an FCC Letter of Inquiry (LOI) in this proceeding together with updates to the LOI and other investigations related to Aristotle’s requirements as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). The Commission directed Aristotle to make such filing by April 5, 2024, hence this Response is timely.

2. Pursuant to the Commission’s Order, Aristotle submits the following confidential documents regarding the FCC LOI with this Response:<sup>1</sup>

12-22-2023 FCC LOI

1-22-2024 Aristotle Response

1-29-2024 Aristotle Additional Response (including 2 spreadsheets)<sup>2</sup> .

1-29-2024 Aristotle Request for Confidential Treatment

2-20-2024 Aristotle Supplemental Response

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<sup>1</sup> Those materials submitted on a confidential basis hereunder are confidential pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135, concerning market-specific information relating to services offered in competition with others.

<sup>2</sup> Note these spreadsheets are maintained on a “live” basis as updated, hence some references are to the subsequent submission dates stated herein.

2-20-2024 Aristotle Request for Confidential Treatment

3-27-2024 Aristotle Supplemental Response

3-27-2024 Aristotle Request for Confidential Treatment

3. Additionally, Aristotle submits the following documents regarding Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Staff data requests, some of which are confidential as indicated:

Aristotle Response to ICC Data Requests 2.01 – 2.14

Aristotle Response to ICC Supplemental Data Request SUP-1 (Confidential)

Aristotle Response to ICC Supplemental Data Request SUP-2

Aristotle Response to ICC Supplemental Data Request SUP-3 (Confidential)

Aristotle Response to ICC Supplemental Data Request SUP-4

Aristotle Response to ICC Supplemental Data Request SUP-5 (Confidential)

4. As the Commission is aware, Aristotle is also undergoing a USAC audit at the request of Commission Staff. The Commission has separately ordered Aristotle to submit the results of that audit within 30 days of receipt. Aristotle will submit the audit results as directed. Because the audit was addressed by separate order, no audit information has been included in this response.

WHEREFORE, Aristotle asks the Commission to accept its Response to Order Directing Filing.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served via email this 5th day of April, 2024 on all counsel of record.

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