

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
New Florence Telephone, LLC,)
New London Telephone Company,)
Orchard Farm Telephone Company,)
and The Stoutland Telephone Company) Case No. IM-2026-0079
all dba Rally Networks for an)
Order Authorizing the Modification)
of Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity and Expanding Designation)
as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.)

In the Matter of the Application to Cancel)
Stoutland Telephone Company dba) Case No. DD-2026-0098
Rally Networks' IVoIP Registration)

**UPDATE ON FCC PROCEEDING NOTICE PERIOD
AND STATUS OF MERGER**

Come now New Florence Telephone, LLC, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, and The Stoutland Telephone Company, all dba "Rally Networks" (collectively, "the Companies") and for their update on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Notice Period and Status of the Merger, state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. Ordered Paragraph 2 of the Commission's November 21, 2025, Order Approving Applications directs the Companies to file an update "within ten business days of the expiration of the FCC notice period regarding an estimated or specific date the transaction should be considered effective."

2. On December 9, 2025, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking comment on New Florence Telephone, LLC's Petition in CC Docket No. 96-45 with a Comment Date of January 8, 2026 and Reply Comment Date of February 9, 2026. It is the Companies' understanding that no comments or objections have been filed, and the FCC

Comment window has now closed. Therefore, the Companies anticipate the FCC Petition will be officially approved in approximately 60 days, on or around April 10, 2026.

3. The Companies are currently working on documentation for the merger with the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Utilities Service (USDA-RUS). USDA-RUS approvals may take approximately thirty (30) days after the FCC's approval. The Companies are also finalizing other pre-merger matters.

4. New Florence Telephone LLC will update the Commission on any changes to the merger timeline and notify the Commission upon the completion of the merger.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by electronic mail this 23rd day of February, 2026, to:

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