

**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)

**REQUEST TO ALLOW TARIFFS TO GO INTO EFFECT BY OPERATION OF LAW
AND UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE MERGER**

Comes now New Florence Telephone, LLC, dba Rally Networks (“New Florence”) and for its request to allow tariffs to go into effect by operation of law and update on the status of its merger with New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, and The Stoutland Telephone Company (“the Merged Companies”) states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Wireline Competition Bureau’s Notice Seeking Comment on New Florence’s Petition for Waiver states, “[T]he petition will be deemed granted 60 days after the reply comment due date absent further action by the Bureau.” (FCC Notice DA 25-1038 in CC Docket No. 96-35, p. 2) Because no objections were filed to the FCC Petition, it is New Florence’s understanding that the Petition will be automatically approved, and no FCC Order will be issued beforehand. New Florence’s FCC consultants have been in communication with FCC Staff and agreed to inform the FCC Staff when the merger is completed.

2. Ordered Paragraph 2 of the Commission’s November 21, 2025, Order Approving Applications directs New Florence 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.”

3. On February 23, 2026, New Florence filed a status update that the FCC Petition will be approved “on or around April 10, 2026”, and New Florence would “notify the Commission upon the completion of the merger.”

4. New Florence and the Merged Companies filed Articles of Merger with the Missouri Secretary of State, and those Articles of Merger will become effective on April 10, 2026. (See Attachment A.)

5. Therefore, New Florence respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Lift its April 9, 2026 Order Suspending Tariffs and allow the Tariff Adoption Notices for New Florence, which adopt the tariffs of the Merged Companies, to go into effect by operation of law on April 10, 2026, or as soon thereafter as possible.

B. Take any administrative actions necessary to recognize that the Merged Companies merged with and into New Florence on April 10, 2026, and any other actions it deems necessary in the circumstances.

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 9th day of April, 2026, to:

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