

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

In the Matter of the Revised Tariff Filing of)	File No. TR-2012-0298
Choctaw Telephone Company)	Tariff No. JI-2012-0441

In the Matter of the Revised Tariff Filing of)	File No. TR-2012-0299
MoKan Dial, Inc.)	Tariff No. JI-2012-0442

**FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications’
Response in Opposition to OPC’s Objection and Motion to Suspend**

COMES NOW FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (“FairPoint Communications”), pursuant to the Commission’s Order Extending Time To Respond To Public Counsel’s Motion To Suspend Tariff issued March 20, 2012, in the above-captioned proceedings, and for its Response in Opposition to the Office of Public Counsel’s Amended Objection and Motion to Suspend the proposed tariffs at issue herein respectfully states as follows:

1. FairPoint Communications is a small rural incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) operating in Missouri and directly impacted by the Federal Communications Commission USF/ICC Transformation Order issued on November 18, 2011.¹ In that regard, it is similarly situated to Choctaw Telephone Company and MoKan Dial, Inc. (the “Companies”), as well as the ILECs comprising the Missouri Small Telephone Company Group (“STCG”).

¹ *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., FCC 11-161.

2. Accordingly, FairPoint Communications respectfully notifies the Commission that it generally concurs in the respective Suggestions in Opposition to OPC's Objection and Motion to Suspend filed by the Companies and by STCG.

WHEREFORE, FairPoint Communications respectfully submits its Response in Opposition and requests that the Commission overrule OPC's objections to the proposed tariffs, deny OPC's Motion to Suspend, and approve or allow the tariffs to become effective on the date requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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