# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

In the Matter of the Reapplication of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc. for an Order of the Commission Granting it Authority as an Information and Referral Provider for Purposes of Obtaining 2-1-1 Service

File No. AO-2023-0225

# ORDER RENEWING AUTHORITY TO ACT AS 2-1-1 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE PROVIDER

Issue Date: April 12, 2023 Effective Date: April 22, 2023

United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc., seeks renewed authority as an Information and Referral Provider and assignment of the 2-1-1 abbreviated dialing code for specified exchanges. The Commission will grant United Way's application.

The 2-1-1 system uses an abbreviated telephone number to provide referrals to local organizations to provide assistance with services including employment, food, health care, legal services, shelter, and transportation. Accredited entities may serve as Information and Referral Providers with Commission approval, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.015.

On January 13, 2023, United Way filed its *Reapplication for 2-1-1 Authority* seeking renewal of its authority as an Information and Referral Provider for 2-1-1 services on exchanges in St. Louis City and nearly 100 Missouri counties. The Commission most recently renewed the authority of United Way to serve as a 2-1-1 provider for a three-year period in an order issued in File No. AO-2020-0198, effective on April 17, 2020.

The Commission ordered notification to entities identified by Staff, as well as to

relevant county commissions, news media and members of the General Assembly. The Commission allowed until February 21, 2023, to receive pleadings in opposition. No applications to intervene or pleadings in opposition were received. Staff recommended approval of United Way's application.

The Commission will approve United Way's application. Because United Way's needs prompt authority to continue to provide 2-1-1 services, the Commission will make this order effective in less than thirty days.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc., is authorized to serve as an Information and Referral Provider assigned the 2-1-1 abbreviated dialing code for the exchanges listed in Exhibit 7 of United Way's application.
- 2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to all certified or registered telecommunications and interconnected voice over internet protocol providers in the exchanges listed in Exhibit 7 of United Way's application.
- 3. United Way's authority under this order is granted for a three-year period, as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.015.
  - 4. This order shall be effective on April 22, 2023.
  - 5. This file shall be closed on April 23, 2023.

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Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION April 12, 2023

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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