BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Cancellation of the) | |
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| Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) | File No. CD-2015 |
| Basic Local Telecommunications Services of) | Tariff No. JC-2011-0535 |
| Frnest Communications Inc. | |

STAFF MOTION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its motion, states as follows:

- 1. On June 5, 2014, the Staff notified that Ernest Communications, Inc. ("the Company") was no longer providing service to its Missouri customers (see attachment). The Company was granted authority to provide basic local telecommunications services on September 11, 2001, in File No. TA-2002-27. The Company has an approved tariff on file, the last tracking number of which is JC-2011-0535.
- 2. Because the Company is not providing basic local telecommunications services in Missouri, the Staff moves that the Commission cancel its certificate.
- 3. The Commission has the authority to cancel a telecommunications certificate pursuant to Section 392.410.5 RSMo 2000, which provides "[a]ny certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected."

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the Certificate of Service Authority for Ernest Communications, Inc. to provide basic local telecommunications service in Missouri, and cancel any accompanying tariff(s).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of November, 2014.

Davis, Helen

From:

Davis, Helen

Sent:

June 09, 2014 1:09 PM

To:

Hernandez, Jennifer

Subject:

RE: Ernest Communications, Inc.

Thanks Jennifer.

From: Hernandez, Jennifer Sent: June 09, 2014 12:23 PM

To: VanEschen, John; Davis, Helen; Salsman, Kari

Cc: Happy, Kim; Stockman, Lisa

Subject: RE: Ernest Communications, Inc.

Yes, SCO will get this filed. Thanks.

From: VanEschen, John

Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:58 PM

To: Davis, Helen; Salsman, Kari; Hernandez, Jennifer

Cc: Happy, Kim; Stockman, Lisa

Subject: RE: Ernest Communications, Inc.

I recommend Jennifer file a pleading to cancel Ernest's certificate but let me know if I should attempt to do something.

From: Davis, Helen

Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:19 PM

To: VanEschen, John; Salsman, Kari; Hernandez, Jennifer

Cc: Happy, Kim; Stockman, Lisa **Subject:** Ernest Communications, Inc.

From information I've gathered, Ernest Communications, Inc. is no longer in business as of the fall of 2013.

A representative with Birch Communications (770-242-9069) informed me that Birch has taken over customers of Ernest, but was told that Technologies Management, Inc. would handle all cancellations of the certificate, etc. I spoke with Corey Rosel with TMI (407-740-3006) who told me that Ernest had stopped all communication with them, so they have not been able to file documents to cancel their certificate. Corey said he would again attempt contact with the company. Paul Masters, who was a former representative of Ernest now works for Birch, but did not return my phone call.

I'm turning this one over to Telco and Staff Counsel to follow up. Thanks!

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