

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0296</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0297</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. CK-2013-0298</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0299</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0300</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0301</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0302</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0303</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0304</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0305</u>
In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Termination Agreement with U.S. Cellular	) ) )	<u>File No. IK-2013-0306</u>

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING U.S. CELLULAR A PARTY

Issue Date: November 26, 2012

Effective Date: November 26, 2012

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the traffic termination agreement, United States Cellular Corporation and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Operating Affiliates (“U.S. Cellular”), as a party to this proceeding.

On November 20, 2012, the Companies¹ filed applications with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the traffic termination agreement with U.S. Cellular under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Companies state that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although U.S. Cellular is a party to the agreements, it did not join in the applications. Because U.S. Cellular is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add U.S. Cellular as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the

¹ Each company application identifies the applicant in detail. For purposes of administrative economy, the Commission is issuing a generic notice for these matters.

agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.² Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 10 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. U.S. Cellular is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than December 6, 2012, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

² 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of November, 2012.