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

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream Missouri,	)
Inc. for Approval of a Resale Agreement with Spectrotel,	) File No. IK-2013-0025
Inc., d/b/a One Touch Communications, d/b/a Touch Base	)
Communications Under 47 U.S.C. Section 252	)

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

- 1. On July 20, 2012, Windstream Missouri, Inc. ("the Company") filed an application with the Commission for approval of a resale agreement with Spectrotel, Inc., d/b/a One Touch Communications, d/b/a Touch Base Communications, under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Company states 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. The Company is certificated with the Commission as an Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company; Spectrotel, Inc. is certificated with the Commission as a Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Company.
- 2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- 3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the amendment to the interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers

not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application.

4. Neither Company is delinquent in filing applicable annual reports, paying PSC assessments, or paying MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2012.