

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re: The Master Interconnection Agreement By)
and Between Embarras Missouri, Inc. and Northwest)
Missouri Cellular, LLP, Pursuant to Sections 251)
and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.) **Case No. IK-2007-0205**

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND
MAKING NORTHWEST MISSOURI CELLULAR, LLC A PARTY

Issue Date: December 4, 2006

Effective Date: December 4, 2006

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Northwest Missouri Cellular, LLP, as a party to this proceeding.

On November 30, 2006, Embarras Missouri, Inc., filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Northwest Missouri, LLP, under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Embarras states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest.

Although Northwest Missouri Cellular is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because it is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Northwest Missouri Cellular as a party to this case.

The Telecommunications 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 agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ 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. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Northwest Missouri Cellular, LLC, is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than December 26, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

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5454 West 110th Street
Mailstop: KSOPKJ0401
Overland Park, Kansas 66211
ATTORNEY FOR EMBARQ

Attn: Legal Counsel
Northwest Missouri Cellular, LLP
1114-A South Main Street
Maryville, Missouri 64468

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than January 5, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on December 4, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of December, 2006.