

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

In Re: The Master Interconnection)
Agreement By and Between Embarq)
Missouri, Inc. and Northwest Missouri)
Cellular, LLP, Pursuant to Sections 251)
and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of)
1996.)

Case No. IK-2007-0205

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On November 30, 2006, Embarq Missouri, Inc., filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Northwest Missouri Cellular, LLP, under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
47 U.S.C. § 252(e)

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the interconnection agreement pursuant to the Act, and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

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 27th day of December 2006.

/s/ William K. Haas

William K. Haas

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. **IK-2007-0205**
Party: Embark Missouri, Inc.
Type of Carrier:
☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: Northwest Missouri Cellular, LLP
Type of Carrier:
☐ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☒ Wireless

From: Sherri Kohly, Telecommunications Department

William L. Voight 12/27/06 /s/ William K. Haas 12/27/06
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement or
Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Date: December 27, 2006

Date Filed: November 30, 2006 **Staff Deadline:** January 5, 2007

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- ☒ Interconnection Agreement
☐ Amendment not previously approved

The parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission.

☐ The applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

☒ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items

☒ No applications to intervene filed.

☒ Agreement or Amendment signed by both Parties.

Additional recommendations or special considerations (if any):

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

(☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:)

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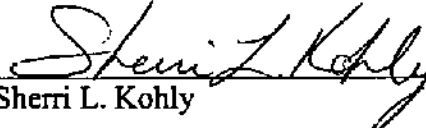
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AFFIDAVIT OF SHERRI L. KOHLY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Sherri L. Kohly, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.



Sherri L. Kohly

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 27th day of December 2006
I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Callaway,
State of Missouri and my commission expires on 9-21-10



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06942086



NOTARY PUBLIC