

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

Application of Alma Communications)	
Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company,)	
for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement)	Case No. IK-2008-0234
with Verizon Wireless Pursuant to the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On January 15, 2008, Alma Communications Company, d/b/a Alma Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless 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 (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement (or portion) 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 15th day of February, 2008.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes
Sarah L. Kliethermes

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. **IK-2008-0234**
Party: Alma Telephone Company
Type of Carrier:
☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: Verizon Wireless
Type of Carrier:
☐ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☒ Wireless

From: Lisa Mahaney, Telecommunications Department

William Voight	2/13/08	William K. Haas	2/13/08
Utility Operations Division/Date		General Counsel Office/Date	

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

Date: February 13, 2008

Date Filed: 1/15/08

Staff Deadline: 2/16/08

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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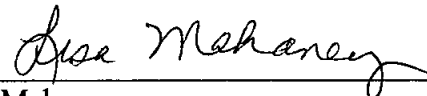
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AFFIDAVIT OF LISA MAHANEY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Lisa Mahaney, 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.




Lisa Mahaney

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 13th day of February 2008.
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