

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

In the Matter of Amendment One to Interconnection)	
Agreement by and between Green Hills)	
Telecommunications Services and Embarq Missouri,)	<u>File No. IK-2012-0089</u>
Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and)	
252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On September 26, 2011, Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink), filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for approval of an amendment to an interconnection agreement with Green Hills Telecommunications Services under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink 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.

2. On September 27, 2011, the Commission issued its Order, Directing Notice and Making Green Hills Telecommunications Services a Party, in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.

3. 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.

4. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, Staff 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.

5. Neither Company is delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its PSC assessment, or 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 21st day of October, 2011.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. **IK-2012-0089**
Party: **CenturyLink**
Type of Carrier:
☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: **Green Hills Telecommunications Services**
Type of Carrier:
☐ ILEC
☒ CLEC
☐ Wireless

From: Kari Salsman, Telecommunications Department

William Voight 10-17-11
Tariff, Safety, Economic and Engineering Analysis/Date

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

Date: 10-17-11

Date Filed: 9-26-11

Staff Deadline: 10-27-11

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, paying the PSC assessment, paying Relay Missouri, and paying MoUSF.

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

☐ Unpaid MoUSF ☐ Unpaid Relay Missouri

The Company is either delinquent or is not shown to be submitting revenue into the indicated fund based on the latest records available to the MoPSC. Failure to submit revenue to either the Relay Missouri Fund or the Missouri USF fund should not necessarily reflect the company is delinquent.

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the above statement is true and correct.



KARI SALSMAN