

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Choctaw)
Telephone Company for Approval of)
an Amendment to its Traffic Termination)
Agreement with Verizon Wireless)
f/d/b/a Alltel Communications, Inc.)

File No. IK-2012-0410

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING VERIZON WIRELESS A PARTY

Issue Date: June 13, 2012

Effective Date: June 13, 2012

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the traffic termination agreement, Verizon Wireless, formerly doing business as Alltel Communications Inc. ("Verizon"), as a party to this proceeding.

On June 8, 2012, Choctaw Telephone Company ("Choctaw") filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its traffic termination agreement with Verizon under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Choctaw states that the amendment 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.

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

The 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. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Verizon Wireless 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 June 28, 2012, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of June, 2012.