

In the Matter of the Application of)
FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.)
d/b/a FairPoint Communications,)
For Approval of an Interconnection Agreement)
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Although Comcast Digital Phone is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Comcast Digital Phone is a necessary party to a full and fair

adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Comcast Digital Phone 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. Comcast Phone of Missouri, LLC d/b/a/ Comcast Digital Phone is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than January 6, 2017 with:

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

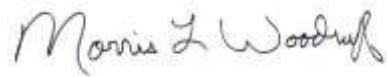
Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS).

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than January 20, 2017.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of December, 2016.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of December 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 22, 2016

File/Case No. IK-2017-0177

**Missouri Public Service
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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

Distributed to all Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunication Companies.

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.