

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

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| In the Matter of Application for Approval of an |) | |
| Amendment to the Interconnection and Reciprocal |) | <u>File No. IK-2021-0063</u> |
| Compensation Agreement between Grand River |) | |
| Mutual Telephone Corporation d/b/a GRM Networks |) | |
| and Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership |) | |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On September 4, 2020, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation d/b/a GRM Networks filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 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.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. Grand River Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a GRM Networks is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange and interexchange carrier. Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership is not certificated

with the Commission. The company is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and provides wireless service.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any further modifications or amendments to the 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 14th day of October, 2020.

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