

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement between New Florence)
Telephone Company d/b/a Missouriicom and Teleport)
Communications America, LLC)
File No. IK-2022-0113

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: December 3, 2021

Effective Date: January 2, 2022

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by New Florence Telephone Company d/b/a Missouriicom.

On October 25, 2021, Missouriicom filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between itself and Teleport Communications America, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Missouriicom is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company (ILEC). Teleport Communications America, LLC is a competitive local exchange telecommunications company (CLEC).

Although Teleport Communications America, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On November 2, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Teleport Communications America, LLC a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than November 17, 2021. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On December 2, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between Missouriicom and Teleport Communications America, LLC, filed on October 25, 2021, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on January 2, 2022.
3. This file may be closed on January 3, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of December, 2021.

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 3rd day of December, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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
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