

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement by       )  
and Between Metropolitan Telecommunications of       )  
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a MetTel and Embarras Missouri, Inc.   )  
d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252    )  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996                    )  
**File No. IK-2023-0172**

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING METTEL A PARTY

Issue Date: December 2, 2022

Effective Date: December 2, 2022

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 Interconnection Agreement, Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a MetTel, as a party to this proceeding.

On November 23, 2022, Embarras Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink, filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with MetTel 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 consistent with the public interest, convenient and necessary, and is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although MetTel is a party to the Agreement, they did not join in the application. Because MetTel is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will MetTel 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.<sup>1</sup> Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not acted to approve or reject 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. MetTel 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 December 19, 2022.
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 3, 2023.
5. This order shall be effective when issued.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2022.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2022.**



  
**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  
Secretary**

**Distributed to all Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies.**

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