

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation)
for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement)

File No. IK-2020-0370

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 14, 2020, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Teleport Communications America, LLC.

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 Interconnection 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 Amendment was filed with the *Application*. Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Teleport Communications America, LLC, is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the *Application* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 15th day of June, 2020, to all counsel of record.

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