

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

In the Matter of Application for Approval of an)	
Interconnection Agreement between Chariton)	<u>File No. IK-2021-0065</u>
Valley Telephone Corporation and Teleport)	
Communications America, LLC Pursuant to the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On September 9, 2020, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation (Chariton Valley) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement with Teleport Communications America, LLC (Teleport Communications) 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 negotiated 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 Agreement was filed with the Application. Chariton Valley is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange and interexchange carrier. Teleport Communications is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

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 16th day of October, 2020.

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