

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)	
Interconnection Agreement between Grand River)	<u>File No. IK-2022-0347</u>
Mutual Telephone Corporation d/b/a GRM)	
Networks and Level 3 Communications, LLC)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On June 13, 2022, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation d/b/a GRM Networks, filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC under 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 Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation d/b/a GRM Networks is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange and interexchange carrier. Level 3 Communications, 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 7th day of July, 2022, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Don Cospers