

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
CommPartners, LLC, for a Certificate of )  
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local )  
Exchange Telecommunications Services )  
for Portions of the State of Missouri and )  
to Classify Those Services and for )  
Competitive Classification )

Case LA-2006-0174

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant CommPartners, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the service areas of Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri; Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint; CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC; and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel; conditioned upon certain access rate provisions. The Commission shall grant an application for a certificate of telecommunications service authority upon a finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest. (See §§ 392.430 and 392.440 RSMo. (2000).)

2. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify the Applicant and its services as competitive. The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider or its services as competitive if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. (See §392.361.2.) All the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. (See §392.361.3.)

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant CommPartners, LLC, certificate to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services, conditioned upon the access rate provisions described in the Staff memorandum; grant competitive classification; and a grant waiver of the statutes and regulations listed in the Commission's *Notice of Applications*.

Respectfully submitted,

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