

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Interconnection, Collocation and Resale )  
Agreement by and between Qwest Communications Company, ) **File No. IK-2012-0117**  
LLC and Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to )  
Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.L.C. A PARTY

Issue Date: October 19, 2011

Effective Date: October 19, 2011

**Syllabus:** 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, Qwest Communications Company, L.L.C. ("Qwest"), as a party to this proceeding.

On October 17, 2011, Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement with Qwest under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although Qwest is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Qwest is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Qwest 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 approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that persons or entities should 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 should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Qwest Communications Company, L.L.C., 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 November 3, 2011, with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. If no other person or entity intervenes, the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than November 18, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

5. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19th day of October, 2011.