

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

In the Matter of the Name Change for)	
Spectra Communications, LLC, d/b/a)	<u>Case No. IN-2023-0394</u>
CenturyLink to Brightspeed of East)	Tariff No. YI-2023-0207
Missouri, LLC)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and submits its *Recommendation* as follows:

1. On May 19, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2), Spectra Communications, LLC, doing business as CenturyLink, submitted a letter advising it had changed its name to “Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC,” and requested the Commission acknowledge its change of name.

2. The Company stated the name change became effective on May 30, 2023, and that the Company’s contact information has been updated in the Electronic Filing and Information System (“EFIS”). The Company also stated it will continue to comply with all applicable laws and rules relating to ETC designation pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-31.015(2) and provided a copy of its bill insert used to inform its customers of the name change. The Company provided copies of its name change documents with the Missouri Secretary of State and an adoption notice for Tariff PSC Mo. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet Adoption Notice A cancelling 1st Revised Sheet Adoption Notice A.

3. On May 30, 2023, the Commission Ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding the Company’s request by June 28, 2023.

4. 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) states in relevant part:

(2) Any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the commission of the name change.

(A) Notice may be in the form of a letter signed by company official submitted into Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) as a new case submission containing the following information:

1. The new name of the company and date the new name takes effect;

2. Documentation that the new name is registered with the Missouri Secretary of State; and

3. A statement the company has reviewed and, if necessary, updated the company's contacts in EFIS.

(B) If the company maintains a tariff, then the letter must be accompanied by either a tariff filing that replaces the existing tariff in its entirety or a one- (1-) page adoption notice of the existing tariff.

5. 20 CSR 4240-31.015(2) States in pertinent part:

(2) Notice requirement for ETC name changes. At least ten (10) days prior to the use of a new name, an ETC should file a written notice in EFIS that includes—

(A) A statement clearly setting out the old name and the new name;

(B) Evidence of registration of the new name with the Missouri Secretary of State;

(C) A statement that the company will continue to comply with all applicable laws and rules relating to ETC designation;

(D) A statement that the company's contacts in EFIS have been reviewed and are correct; and

(E) A copy of the notice informing customers of the name change.

6. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states: the Company has filed all the requisite documentation and that the Company has complied with all other aspects of the rules set forth in 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) and 20 CSR 4240-31.015(2). No entities have intervened to oppose the name change. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission recognize the name change of Spectra Communications, LLC, doing business as CenturyLink, to Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record on this 28th day of June, 2023.

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