

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

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream	)	
Missouri, LLC for Approval of an Adoption of	)	
an Existing Interconnection Agreement	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2018-0054</u></b>
with Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On August 17, 2017, Windstream Missouri, LLC, (“Windstream”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application of Windstream Missouri, LLC for Approval of an Adoption of an Existing Interconnection Agreement with Charter Fiberlink- Missouri, LLC*. Even though this is the adoption of an existing interconnection agreement, the process for approval is the same as the adoption of a new interconnection agreement.

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. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. Windstream is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Charter 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 modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, to all counsel of record.

**/s/Whitney Payne**