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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval	)	
of an Amendment to the Interconnection	) File No. IK-2014-015	8
Agreement with Big River Telephone Company	)	

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC A PARTY

Issue Date: November 26, 2013 Effective Date: November 26, 2013

**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, Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River"), as a party to this proceeding.

On November 25, 2013, BPS Telephone Company ("BPS") filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement with Big River under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. BPS Telephone Company states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although Big River is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application.

Because Big River is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the

Commission will add Big River 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. 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. The Commission finds that proper persons shall 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 shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
  - 2. Big River Telephone Company, LLC 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 December 11, 2013, with:

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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

- 4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than December 26, 2013.
  - 5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary



Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this November day of 26th, 2013.