

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

In the Matter of Adoption of BPS Telephone	)	
Company for Approval of an Interconnection and	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2018-0006</u></b>
Traffic Exchange Agreement	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On July 10, 2017, BPS Telephone Company ("BPS") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement executed between it and Verizon Wireless ("Verizon") under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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. BPS is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Verizon is a cellular telecommunications company.

**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 copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

**/s/ Casi Aslin**