

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement between Citizens)
Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc.,)
and Level 3 Communications, LLC) **File No. IK-2022-0051**

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: September 29, 2021

Effective Date: October 29, 2021

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc. (Citizens Telephone Company).

On August 25, 2021, Citizens Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between itself and Level 3 Communications, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Citizens Telephone Company is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Level 3 Communications, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although Level 3 Communications, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On September 2, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Level 3 Communications, LLC a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than September 17, 2021. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On September 24, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between Citizens Telephone Company and Level 3 Communications, LLC, filed on August 25, 2021, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on October 29, 2021.
3. This file may be closed on October 30, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of September, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 29th day of September, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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