BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream)	
Missouri, LLC for Approval of an Amendment to an) <u>F</u>	ile No. IK-2021-0284
Interconnection Agreement with Onvoy, LLC)	

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: April 21, 2021 Effective Date: May 21, 2021

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Windstream Missouri, LLC (Windstream Missouri).

On March 10, 2021, Windstream Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Onvoy, LLC (Onvoy) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Windstream Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Onvoy is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although Onvoy is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On March 17, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Onvoy a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than April 1, 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 April 15, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement as amended 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 as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Windstream Missouri and Onvoy, filed on March 10, 2021, is approved.
 - 2. This order shall become effective on May 21, 2021.
 - 3. This file may be closed on May 22, 2021.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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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 21st day of April, 2021.