

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

In the Matter of an Interconnection, Collocation	)	
and Resale Agreement by and between Qwest	)	
Communications Company, LLC and Embarq	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2012-0117</u></b>
Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to	)	
Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications	)	
Act of 1996	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On October 17, 2011, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement with Qwest Communications Company, LLC under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On October 19, 2011, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Making Qwest Communication Company, LLC a Party*, in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.

3. 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.

4. In the attached Memorandum, Staff 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.

5. The Companies are not delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

**WHEREFORE,** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. **IK-2012-0117**

Party: **CenturyLink**

Type of Carrier:

- ☒ ILEC  
☐ CLEC  
☐ Wireless

Party: **Qwest Communications Company**

Type of Carrier:

- ☐ ILEC  
☒ CLEC  
☐ Wireless

**From:** **Kari Salsman**, Telecommunications Unit

William Voight      11-8-11  
Tariff, Safety, Economic and Engineering Analysis/Date

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement or  
Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** **11-8-11**

**Date Filed:** **10-17-11**

**Staff Deadline:** **11-18-11**

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- ☐ Interconnection Agreement  
☒ Amendment not previously approved

The parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission.

☐ The applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

☒ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

**Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items**

☒ No applications to intervene filed.

☒ Agreement or Amendment signed by both Parties.

**Additional recommendations or special considerations (if any):**

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report, paying the PSC assessment, paying Relay Missouri, and paying MoUSF.

☐ No annual report   ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:  
☐ Unpaid MoUSF   ☐ Unpaid Relay Missouri

The Company is either delinquent or is not shown to be submitting revenue into the indicated fund based on the latest records available to the MoPSC. Failure to submit revenue to either the Relay Missouri Fund or the Missouri USF fund should not necessarily reflect the company is delinquent.

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the above statement is true and correct.



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KARI SALSMAN