

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

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream Missouri, LLC)
for Approval for an Interconnection Agreement) **File No. IK-2022-0138**
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On November 18, 2021, Windstream Missouri, LLC, filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application of Windstream Missouri, LLC for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Dish Wireless, L.L.C.* between itself and Dish Wireless, L.L.C.

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*. Windstream Missouri, LLC, is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Dish Wireless, L.L.C., is a wireless communications carrier.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the *Application* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 20th day of December, 2021, to all counsel of record.

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