# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

### ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: January 3, 2022 Effective Date: February 2, 2022

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Windstream Missouri, LLC.

On November 18, 2021, Windstream Missouri, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between itself and Dish Wireless, L.L.C. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Windstream Missouri, LLC is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Dish Wireless, L.L.C. is a wireless communications carrier.

Although Dish Wireless, L.L.C. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On December 1, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Dish Wireless, L.L.C. a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than December 16, 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 December 20, 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:

- The Interconnection Agreement between Windstream Missouri, LLC and Dish Wireless, L.L.C., filed on November 18, 2021, is approved.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on February 2, 2022.
  - 3. This file may be closed on February 3, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022.

**Secretary** 

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION January 3, 2022

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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 Secretary

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