

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

In the Matter of the Name Change for)	
Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink)	<u>File No. IN-2023-0447</u>
to Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC)	Tariff No. YI-2024-0001

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation*.

1. On June 30, 2023, the above-referenced Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (“Company”) filed a notice of a name change to Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC along with articles of merger, a bill insert sample and an updated tariff sheet reflecting the new name. The Company filed all requisite documentation. The Company also stated it will continue to comply with all applicable laws and rules relating to ETC designation pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-31.015(2).

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) provides that any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the Commission of the name change and lays out the methods and requirements for such notice. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Company has complied with the rule. No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name change; permit the revised tariff sheet to take effect; and grant such other and further relief as it finds just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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, to all parties or their representatives pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Commission's Data Center for this file, on this 7th day of July, 2023.

/s/Whitney Scurlock