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Office of the Secretary  
ATTN: Data Center  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P O. Box 360  
200 Madison Street, Suite 650  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement By and Between  
CenturyLink and New Edge Network, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of  
the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept for filing with the Commission the Application of CenturyLink for  
Approval of a Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement. CenturyLink requests  
the Commission approve the Agreement between the parties according to its procedures.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Linda Gardner

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Enclosure

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

In Re: Master Interconnection, Collocation and       )  
Resale Agreement By and Between Embarq       )  
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and New Edge       )  
Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks Pursuant       )  
to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications       )  
Act of 1996.       )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION OF EMBARQ MISSOURI, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK  
FOR APPROVAL OF A MASTER INTERCONNECTION,  
COLLOCATION AND RESALE AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (jointly "CenturyLink") and files its Application for Approval of a Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement ("Agreement") between New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks ("New Edge") and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

**I.     APPLICANT**

CenturyLink is a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in Missouri as evidenced by the Certificate of Authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which was filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference. CenturyLink's principle place of business at 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203.

To CenturyLink's knowledge, there are no overdue assessments or annual reports nor are there any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

## **II. INTERCONNECTION, COLLOCATION AND RESALE AGREEMENT**

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and New Edge entered into an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement dated July 1, 2011 (attached). There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

## **III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW**

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

(e) Approval by State Commission

- (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:
    - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
    - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

CenturyLink further states that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Agreement does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Agreement because the terms of the Agreement are equally available to any other carrier.

#### IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and New Edge believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

CenturyLink and New Edge respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

#### V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve the Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement between CenturyLink and New Edge.

Respectfully submitted,



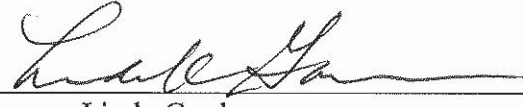
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**VERIFICATION**

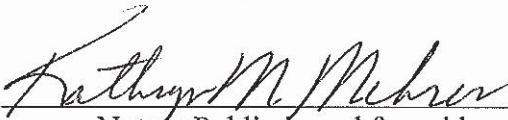
I, Linda Gardner, an attorney and duly authorized representative of CenturyLink hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of a Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

  
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Linda Gardner

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

My Commission Expires:



  
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Notary Public in and for said  
County and State

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011, a copy of the above and foregoing Application for Approval of a Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement was served by email to each of the following:

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