

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

In the Matter of the Interconnection and	)	
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement By and	)	
Between CenturyLink and Verizon Wireless	)	<u>File No. TK-2011-0238</u>
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of 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 January 24, 2011, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink, filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Verizon Wireless under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest.

2. On January 25, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Making Verizon Wireless 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, labeled Appendix A, 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. Neither Company is 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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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 16th day of February, 2011.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. **TK-2011-0238**

Party: CenturyLink

Type of Carrier:

- ☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: Verizon Wireless

Type of Carrier:

- ☐ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☒ Wireless

From: Lisa Mahaney, Telecommunications Department

William Voight 2/15/11
Utility Operations Division/Date

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

Date: 2/15/11

Date Filed: 1/24/11

Staff Deadline: 2/24/11

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.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LISA MAHANEY

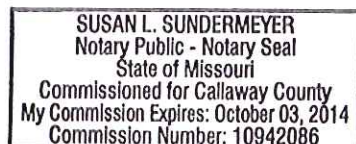
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Lisa Mahaney, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.



LISA MAHANEY

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 15th day of February 2011.





NOTARY PUBLIC