

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

Application of Citizens Telephone)
Company of Higginsville, Missouri For)
Approval Of An Interconnection And)
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement)
Under The Telecommunications Act of)
1996)

Case No. TK-2007-0128

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation to approve the interconnection agreement submitted by the parties respectfully states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant approval of the *Application of Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri for Approval of an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996* (Agreement) filed by Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Agreement was reached through negotiation.

2. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement or a portion thereof unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity. In its Memorandum, Staff states that the terms of the Agreement do not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to the

agreement and that the Agreement is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

3. Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement. Staff recommends the Commission to direct the parties to submit any amendments or modifications to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, because the terms of the Agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), Staff recommends the Commission approve the Agreement. Staff further recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any amendments or modifications of the Agreement to the Commission.

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 26th day of October 2006.

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