

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

In the Matter of the Petition for	)	
Arbitration of Unresolved Issues in a	)	
Section 251(b)(5) Agreement with	)	Case No. TK-2006-0520
Cingular Wireless, L.L.C.	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Arbitration Order in Case No. TO-2006-0147 (a compulsory arbitration of disputed issues pertaining to the negotiation of interconnection agreements between the Parties) on March 23, 2006. The Order directed the Parties to file their interconnection agreements pursuant to the Arbitration Order no later than April 22, 2006. The Commission subsequently granted the Parties' two joint requests for more time and the Parties were directed to file their agreements no later than June 22, 2006. Staff has 30 days from the date of the submission of an agreement to issue its Recommendation.

2. Under the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission may only "reject an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by arbitration under subsection (b) if it finds that the agreement does not meet the requirements of section 251, including the regulations prescribed by the Commission, or the standards set forth in subsection (d) of this section." 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(2). The agreement was adopted by arbitration under 47 U.S.C. 252(b) and thus this standard controls the Commission's review.

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Agreement.

4. Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it conforms to the Arbitrator's Report and the Commission's Order in Case No. TO-2006-0147. The Staff further believes that the proposed Agreement conforms to the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. 251 and 252(d).

WHEREFORE, because the terms of this agreement conform to the Arbitrator's Report and Commission's Arbitration Order in TO-2006-0147 and conform to the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(2), the Staff recommends the Commission grant approval of the Agreement. The Staff further recommends that the Commission direct the Parties to the Agreement to submit any future modifications or amendments to the Agreement to the Commission for approval.

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 17th day of July 2006.

/s/ Jennifer Heintz_____