

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Ozark Telephone Company	)	
for Approval of an Interconnection and	)	<u>Case No. TK-2007-0243</u>
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement under the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P.
A PARTY

Issue Date: December 29, 2006

Effective Date: December 29, 2006

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Sprint Spectrum, L.P. ("Sprint"), as a party to this proceeding.

On December 28, 2006, Ozark Telephone Company ("Ozark") filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Sprint under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Ozark states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. Ozark requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Sprint is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Sprint is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Sprint as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Sprint Spectrum, L.P. is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than January 18, 2007, with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and serve a copy on:

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and

General Counsel
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4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than January 29, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on December 29, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', with a stylized, cursive script.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of December, 2006.