

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

In the Matter of the Application of Socket)
Telecom, LLC, for Approval of an)
Amendment to an Interconnection)
Agreement with CenturyTel of Missouri,)
LLC d/b/a CenturyTel, Under)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TK-2009-0296

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On February 13, 2009, Socket Telecom, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Socket 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. Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the interconnection agreement pursuant to the Act, and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 18th day of March, 2009.

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