

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

Socket Telecom, LLC,)	
)	
Complainant)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. TC-2020-0409</u>
)	
Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

Issue Date: August 13, 2021

Effective Date: August 13, 2021

On June 22, 2020, Socket Telecom, LLC (Socket) filed a complaint alleging Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (Embarq) had violated the terms of their Commission-approved Interconnection Agreement. After many months of negotiations between the parties, the Commission set a procedural schedule. On March 16, 2021, pursuant to the procedural schedule, Socket filed the Direct Testimony of R. Matthew Kohly. On April 7, 2021, Socket and Embarq filed a joint request to cancel the procedural schedule and continue negotiations. The Commission granted the request.

On July 30, 2021, Socket and Embarq filed a notice informing the Commission that they had reached a settlement agreement that addressed all the issues raised in the complaint. Socket and Embarq informed the Commission that no amendments to their Interconnection Agreement were needed and, therefore, the Commission need not approve the settlement agreement. Socket and Embarq asked the Commission dismiss the complaint and acknowledge that the Commission does not need to approve the settlement agreement. Staff is not a signatory to the settlement agreement but agrees

with Socket and Embarq that the Commission may dismiss the complaint without approving the settlement agreement.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(1) requires an order of the Commission to dismiss a complaint after written testimony has been filed. The Commission has reviewed the notice and request for dismissal and finds that the settlement agreement does not require Commission approval or any other Commission action. The Commission will grant the request to dismiss the complaint.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The complaint filed by Socket on June 22, 2020, is dismissed.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.
3. This file shall be closed on August 14, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of August, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 13th day of August, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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