

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement by and Between)
Simwood Inc. and Embark Missouri, Inc. d/b/a)
CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2022-0199

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: February 22, 2022

Effective Date: March 24, 2022

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Embark Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink.

On January 26, 2022, CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between itself and Simwood Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Simwood Inc. is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and is registered to provide IVolP service.

Although Simwood Inc. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On February 4, 2022, the Commission issued an order making Simwood Inc. a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than February 19, 2022. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On February 9, 2022, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 60 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Simwood Inc., filed on January 26, 2022, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on March 24, 2022.
3. This file may be closed on March 25, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of February, 2022.

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 22nd day of February, 2022.**




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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