

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the)
Interconnection Agreement between Oregon)
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and Level 3)
Communications, LLC Pursuant to the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2023-0420

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC A PARTY

Issue Date: June 21, 2023

Effective Date: June 21, 2023

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the Interconnection Agreement, Level 3 Communications, LLC, as a party to this proceeding.

On June 13, 2023, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (OFM), filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. OFM states that there are no unresolved issues and that the Agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenient and necessary, and is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although Level 3 Communications, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Level 3 Communications, LLC is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Level 3 Communications, LLC 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 acted to approve or reject an Agreement within 90 days after submission, the Agreement shall be deemed approved. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Level 3 Communications, LLC 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 July 6, 2023.
4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation advising either approval or rejection of this Agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than July 21, 2023.
5. This order shall be effective when issued.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of June, 2023.

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 21st day of June, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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