

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

Application of Ozark Telephone Company)
for Approval of an Interconnection and)
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement under)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TK-2007-0243

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant approval of the *Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement* between Ozark Telephone Company and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (Agreement) filed by Ozark Telephone Company under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. The terms of the Agreement do not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and are not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

WHEREFORE, because the terms of the Agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. §252(e), Staff recommends the Commission approve the Agreement and direct the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments to the Agreement to the Commission for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David A. Meyer

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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 23rd of January 2007.

/s/ David A. Meyer

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **TK-2007-0243**

Party: **Ozark Telephone Company (Ozark)**

Type of Carrier: ☒ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
☐ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
☐ Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

Party: **Sprint Spectrum, L.P. (Sprint PCS)**

Type of Carrier: ☐ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
☐ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
☒ Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

From: Arthur P. Kuss

Telecommunications Department

William Voight 01/22/07

Utility Operations Division/Date

David A. Meyer 1/23/07

General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement or Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement

Date: January 22, 2007

Date Filed: December 28, 2006

Staff Deadline: January 29, 2007

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- ☒ Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Amendment Not Previously Approved

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement:

- 1) Does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and
- 2) Is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission.

- ☐ The Applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.
- ☒ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene have been filed. Intervention Deadline: January 18, 2007
- ☒ The Agreement or Amendment has been signed by both Parties.

Additional Recommendations or Special Considerations (if any):

Annual Report & Assessment Information

- ☒ The Parties are not delinquent in filing Annual Reports or paying PSC Assessments.
- ☐ A Party is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition that the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this Case after it has corrected the delinquency.
- ☐ No Annual Report. ☐ Unpaid PSC Assessment. Amount owed:

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AFFIDAVIT OF Arthur P. Kuss

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Arthur P. Kuss, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Arthur P. Kuss

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 22nd day of January, 2007.

I am commissioned as a Notary Public within the County of Callaway, State of Missouri
and my commission expires on September 21, 2010



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06942086



NOTARY PUBLIC