

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

In Re: The Master Interconnection )  
Collocation and Resale Agreement by and )  
between Embarq Missouri, Inc. and )  
Kentucky Data Link, Inc. Pursuant to )  
Sections 251 and 252 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

Case No. TK-2007-0490

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On June 25, 2007, Embarq Missouri, Inc., filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Kentucky Data Link, Inc. under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement 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 interconnection 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2007.

/s/ William K. Haas

William K. Haas

**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **TK-2007-0490**

**Party:** **Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq** (Embarq)

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

**Party:** **Kentucky Data Link, Inc. (KDL)**

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

**From:** Arthur P. Kuss  
Telecommunications Department

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Utility Operations Division/Date

/s/ William K. Haas 07/20/07  
General Counsel's Office/Date

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** July 19, 2007

**Date Filed:** June 25, 2007

**Staff Deadline:** July 26, 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: July 16, 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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STATE OF MISSOURI                    )  
  )    ss:  
COUNTY OF COLE                    )

Arthur P. Kuss  
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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  
NOTARY PUBLIC