

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

In Re: Interconnection, Collocation and)
Resale Agreement By and Between Green)
Hills Area Cellular Telephone Company,)
Inc., d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications)
Services and Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a)
CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and)
252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2013-0099

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On September 4, 2012, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of negotiated interconnection, collocation, and resale agreement with Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services (“Green Hills”) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On September 4, 2012, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Making Green Hills a Party and in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.

3. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, the Staff herein states that the interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.

5. The Company is not delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the interconnection, collocation, and resale agreement and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to it.

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 6th day of September, 2012.

