

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

Application of Le-Ru Telephone	)	
Company for Approval of an	)	
Interconnection and Reciprocal	)	
Compensation Agreement under the	)	Case No. TK-2008-0172
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	
	)	

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 (Commission) grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between Le-Ru Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless, LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco and Cellco Partnership all d/b/a Verizon Wireless filed by Le-Ru 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,

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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 13th day of December 2007.

/s/ Jennifer Heintz

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **TK-2008-0172**

Party: Le-RuTelephone Company

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

Party: **Verizon Wireless LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco and Cello Partnership all d/b/a Verizon Wireless**

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

From: Mike Scheperle
Telecommunications Department

Wm L Voight 12/13/07
Utility Operations Division/Date

Jennifer Heintz 12/13/2007
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement

Date: December 13, 2007

Date Filed: December 13, 2007

Staff Deadline: December 21, 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: December 11, 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 Michael S. Scheperle

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Michael S. Scheperle, 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 preparing the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Michael S. Scheperle
Michael S. Scheperle

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 13th day of December 2007

I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Callaway,

State of Missouri and my commission expires on 9-21-10



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06942088

Susan L. Sundermeyer
NOTARY PUBLIC