

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Interconnection and )  
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement By and )  
Between CenturyLink and Verizon Wireless )  
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**File No. TK-2011-0238**

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING VERIZON WIRELESS A PARTY

Issue Date: January 25, 2011

Effective Date: January 25, 2011

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement, Verizon Wireless, as a party to this proceeding.

On January 24, 2011, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Verizon under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest.

Although Verizon is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Verizon is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it 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.<sup>1</sup> Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 20 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. Verizon Wireless is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than February 14, 2011, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Linda Gardner  
CenturyLink  
5454 West 110<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mailstop: KSOPKJ0702  
Overland Park, Kansas 66211

Verizon Wireless  
Legal Department  
One Verizon Way  
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and:

Office of the Public Counsel  
Post Office Box 2230  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than February 24, 2011.

5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 25th day of January, 2011.