

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

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

Case No. TK-2007-0258

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On January 5, 2007, New Florence Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with wireless carrier Nextel West Corp. 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 1st day of February 2007.

/s/ William K. Haas

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To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **TK-2007-0258**

Party: **New Florence Telephone Company** (New Florence)

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

Party: **Nextel West Corp.** (Nextel West)

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

From: Arthur P. Kuss

Telecommunications Department

William Voight 01/31/07

Utility Operations Division/Date

/s/ William K. Haas 01/31/07

General Counsel's Office/Date

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

Date: January 31, 2007

Date Filed: January 05, 2007

Staff Deadline: February 07, 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 29, 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 31st 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



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