

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

Application of Grand Mutual Telephone)
Corporation for Approval of an)
Interconnection and Reciprocal)
Compensation Agreement under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TK-2009-0021

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 grant approval of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation and Northwest Cellular Limited Partnership (Agreement) filed by Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation 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,

/s/ Jennifer Heintz

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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 12th day of August 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Heintz

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TK-2009-0021
Party: Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation
Type of Carrier:
☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership
Type of Carrier:
☐ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☒ Wireless

From: Sara Buyak, Telecommunications Department

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| <u>William Voight</u> | <u>8/11/08</u> | <u>Jennifer Heinz</u> | <u>8/11/08</u> |
| Utility Operations Division/Date | | General Counsel Office/Date | |

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

Date: August 11, 2008

Date Filed: July 9, 2008

Staff Deadline: August 18, 2008

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 filed.

☒ Agreement or Amendment signed by both Parties.

Additional recommendations or special considerations (if any):

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition 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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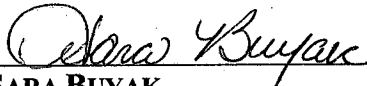
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AFFIDAVIT OF Sara Buyak

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Sara Buyak, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying staff recommendation, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.



SARA BUYAK

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 11th day of August 2008.



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06942086



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