

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

In Re: ICC VoIP Amendment to the )	
Interconnection Agreement by and between )	
Sprint Communications Company, LP and )	<b><u>File No. TK-2013-0428</u></b>
Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink )	
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 )	
Of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On March 20, 2013, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with Sprint Communications Company, LP under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink states that the amendment complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. CenturyLink is a certificated Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company; Sprint Communications Company, LP is a certificated Interexchange and Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Company.

2. 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.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, the Staff herein states that the Amendment to 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.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

