

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Citizens Telephone Company of)
Higginsville, Missouri, for Approval of an)
Agreement for Interconnection Under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TK-2008-0386

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING
VERIZON WIRELESS A PARTY

Issue Date: June 10, 2008

Effective Date: June 10, 2008

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Verizon Wireless LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco, and Cellco Partnership, all d/b/a Verizon Wireless, as a party to this proceeding.

On June 6, 2008, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Citizens 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. Citizens requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Verizon Wireless is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Verizon Wireless 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.¹ 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. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. 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.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Verizon Wireless LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco, and Cellco Partnership, all d/b/a 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 June 30, 2008, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and send copies to:

L. Russell Mitten
Brydon, Swearengen & England P.C.
312 E. Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Lance D. Murphy
Verizon Wireless – MTS
24242 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

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 therefor no later than July 10, 2008.

5. This order shall become effective on June 10, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of June, 2008.