

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

In Re: Interconnection, Collocation and Resale)
Agreement Between Embarq Missouri, Inc.)
d/b/a CenturyLink and Kentucky Data Link, Inc.)
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2013-0035

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On July 27, 2012, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection, collocation and resale agreement with Kentucky Data Link, Inc. under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Company states that the agreement 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. The Company is certificated with the Commission as an Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company; Kentucky Data Link is not certificated with the Commission.

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.

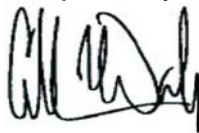
3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the amendment to the interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers

not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application.

4. Neither Company is delinquent in filing applicable annual reports, paying PSC assessments, or paying MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges. However, The Companies should be reminded that they cannot exchange telecommunications traffic until such time as Kentucky Data Link is certificated in Missouri.

WHEREFORE, 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 2nd day of August, 2012.

