

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

In Re: 1st Amendment to the CMRS Interconnection     )  
Agreement By and Between Northwest Missouri         )  
Cellular LLP and Embarq Missouri, Inc. Pursuant       )  
To Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications     )  
Act of 1996   )  
**File No. TK-2013-0123**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On October 1, 2012, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the CMRS negotiated interconnection agreement with Northwest Missouri Cellular, LLC (“Northwest”) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On October 2, 2012, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Making Northwest Missouri Cellular a Party and in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.

3. 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.

4. 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. A copy of the amendment was filed with the Application.

CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and Northwest is a wireless service provider not certificated with the Commission.

5. Neither company is delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying the PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the amendment to the interconnection agreement and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to it.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2012.

