

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

Application of New London Telephone Company,)	
Orchard Farm Telephone Company and Stoutland)	<u>File No. TK-2014-0252</u>
Telephone Company for Approval of a Wireless)	
Interconnection Agreement.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On March 13, 2014, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company and Stoutland Telephone Company (“the ILECs”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a CMRS Interconnection Agreement with Sprint Spectrum LP d/b/a Sprint PCS (“Sprint”) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The ILECs state 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 ILECs are certificated Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies; Sprint is a wireless telecommunications company not regulated by 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, the Staff herein states that 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 24th day of March, 2014.

