

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

In the Matter of the CSR Amendment to the)
Interconnection Agreement by and between)
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a)
CenturyLink and Socket Telecom, LLC)
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2016-0341

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On June 15, 2016, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an application for approval of an amendment to an interconnection agreement executed between it and Socket Telecom, LLC (“Socket”).

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 Amendment was filed with the Application. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange and

interexchange telecommunications company. Socket is certificated as a competitive local exchange telecommunications company.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any 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 June, 2016.

