

**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) Case No. TK-2008-0386
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. On April 28, 2008, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri filed an application with the Commission seeking approval of its interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco, and Cellco Partnership, all doing business as Verizon Wireless (collectively, "Verizon Wireless"), under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. In an order issued June 10, 2008, the Commission, among other things, made Verizon Wireless a party to this case and directed the Staff to file a recommendation concerning this matter no later than July 10, 2008.

3. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated interconnection agreement (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

4. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff states that the agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the interconnection agreement pursuant to the Act, and directing the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 8th day of July 2008.

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