

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

Application of New Florence Telephone Company    )  
for Approval of an Interconnection and Reciprocal    )  
Compensation      Agreement      under      the    )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996                                )  
Case No. TK-2009-0004

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1.      On July 1, 2008, New Florence Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission seeking approval of an interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Sprint Spectrum L.P. ("Sprint PCS") under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2.      In an order issued July 3, 2008, the Commission, among other things, made Sprint PCS a party to this case and directed the Staff to file a recommendation concerning this matter no later than August 4, 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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