

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

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement By)
and Between Simwood Inc. and CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and Spectra)
Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink) **File No. TK-2022-0180**
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: February 1, 2022

Effective Date: March 3, 2022

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CenturyLink”).

On January 6, 2022, CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between itself and Simwood Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Simwood Inc. is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and is registered to provide IVoIP service.

Although Simwood Inc. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On January 12, 2022, the Commission issued an order making Simwood Inc. a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than January 27, 2022. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On January 18, 2022, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 60 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Simwood Inc., filed on January 6, 2022, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on March 3, 2022.
3. This file may be closed on March 4, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of February, 2022.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 1st day of February, 2022.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 1, 2022

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



Morris L. Woodruff
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