

**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 )  
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**File No. TK-2022-0180**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On January 6, 2022, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CenturyLink”), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Simwood Inc.

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 hereby 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. 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 IVolP service.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the *Application* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Don Cospers**