

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

In the Matter of the Collocation Amendment to the)
Traffic Exchange Agreement between Level 3)
Communications, LLC and CenturyTel of Missouri,)
LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and Spectra Communications)
Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections)
Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2022-0314

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 11, 2022, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CenturyLink”), filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a negotiated Traffic Exchange Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC (“Level 3”), under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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 Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Level 3 is a competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier.

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 copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 15th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff