

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

In the Matter of the Paging Interconnection)
Agreement By and Between Joplin Beepers, Inc.)
d/b/a Midwest Paging, Inc., and CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections)
251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2017-0228

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On March 6, 2017 CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement executed between it and Joplin Beepers, Inc. d/b/a Midwest Paging (“Midwest Paging”).

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. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company. Midwest Paging is a wireless company.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 5th day of April, 2017.

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