

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

In the Matter of the Resale Agreement By	)	
and Between Level 3 Communications, LLC	)	
and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC dba CenturyLink, and	)	<b>File No. <u>TK-2017-0338</u></b>
Spectra Communications Group, LLC dba	)	
CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252	)	
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On June 13, 2017, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of a Resale Agreement executed between it and Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3").

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection or resale 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 Resale 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. Level 3 is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Casi Aslin**

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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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**/s/ Casi Aslin**