

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the)	
Interconnection Agreement between Oregon)	
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and Level 3)	<u>File No. TK-2023-0420</u>
Communications, LLC Pursuant to the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff),
by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On June 13, 2023, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (“OFM”),
filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of a
Negotiated Interconnection Agreement* (“Agreement”) between itself and Level 3
Communications, LLC (“Level 3”), under the provisions of the Federal
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On June 21, 2023, the Commission ordered Level 3 be made a party to the
case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing
by no later than July 6, 2023, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by July 21, 2023.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject
an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only 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.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the
Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers
not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest,
convenience or necessity. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the Application.

OFM is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Level 3 is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. Neither OFM nor Level 3 are delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 7th day of July, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey