

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Ozark Telephone)
Company for Approval of an Interconnection and) **Case No. TK-2007-0331**
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING CELCO PARTNERSHIP,
ST. JOSEPH CELLTELCO, AND VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW),
ALL D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, PARTIES

Issue Date: March 16, 2007

Effective Date: March 16, 2007

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other parties to the interconnection agreement, Cellco Partnership, St. Joseph CellTelco, and Verizon Wireless (VAW), all doing business as Verizon Wireless (referred to collectively as Verizon Wireless), as parties to this proceeding.

On March 14, 2007, Ozark Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Ozark states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. Ozark requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Verizon Wireless is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Verizon Wireless is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Cellco Partnership, St. Joseph CellTelco, and Verizon Wireless (VAW), all doing business as Verizon Wireless, are made parties to this case.
3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than April 5, 2007, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and send copies to:

W.R. England, III
Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C.
312 East Capitol Avenue
Post Office Box 456
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
ATTORNEYS FOR OZARK TELEPHONE COMPANY

John Clampitt
Verizon Wireless
2785 Mitchell Drive
Walnut Creek, California 94598

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than April 16, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on March 16, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of March, 2007.