

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

In the Matter of Embarq Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Application for Competitive Classification)	Case No. TO-2008-0028
Under Section 392.245.5 RSMo (2005))	Tariff File No. YI-2008-0080

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On July 25, 2007, Embarq Missouri, Inc. ("Embarq") filed its verified Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo Cum. Supp. 2005. Embarq requests that the Commission classify all residential services Embarq offers in its Lebanon exchange, other than exchange access services, as competitive. On July 31, 2007, Embarq submitted a revised tariff sheet (Fifth Revised Page 23, General Exchange Tariff, P.S.C. MO.-No. 22 Section 16) to add Lebanon to its list of exchanges with competitively classified residential services. The revised tariff sheet bears a proposed effective date of August 30, 2007.

2. The Commission directed the Staff to investigate this matter and to file any objections to and a verified recommendation regarding this matter no later than August 3, 2007.

3. In the attached Memorandum labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that there are at least two (2) qualifying carriers serving Embarq's Lebanon exchange who are not affiliated with Embarq but provide basic local phone service to customers located within that exchange. In addition, the competing carriers have local numbers available for use by residential customers in the Lebanon exchange.

WHEREFORE, the Staff has no objection to and recommends (1) competitive classification for Embarq's residential services, other than exchange access service, in the Lebanon exchange, and (2) approval of the revised tariff sheet effective August 30, 2007.

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 3rd day of August 2007.

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