

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

Application for Approval of an Amendment)
to the Interconnection Agreement)
with Big River Telephone Company) Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Comes now BPS Telephone Company (hereinafter "Company"), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252 and 4 CSR 240-3.513(6)(C), and hereby requests that the Commission approve an amendment to the existing Interconnection Agreement between Company and Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River"). In support of this Application, Company states as follows:

1. Company is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company (ILEC), properly certificated and doing business in Missouri. The name and address of its principal contact for this case is as follows:

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2. Big River is a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Copies of filings made in this proceeding can be served upon the following contact for Big River:

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3. In Case No. TK-2008-0239, the Commission approved the Interconnection Agreement currently in effect between Company and Big River.

4. Big River and Company have voluntarily agreed to the Amendment to incorporate a new direct interconnection point and to update the notice provisions. The Amendment is attached hereto.

5. The Amendment has been negotiated, agreed, and executed voluntarily, in compliance with the aforementioned FCC Orders, by Big River and Company.

6. There are no outstanding issues for which mediation or arbitration are needed or requested.

7. This Amendment has not been previously approved by this Commission.

8. Company requests approval of the Amendment. The implementation of this Amendment complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

9. Company has no pending actions or final, unsatisfied adverse judgments or decisions which involve customer service or rates that have occurred within the last three years from the date of this Application. Company has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

WHEREFORE, Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order approving this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brian T. McCartney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by electronic mail this 16th day of May, 2013, to counsel of record.

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VERIFICATION

I, Lisa Winberry, General Manager of BPS Telephone Company, hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing APPLICATION and that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Lisa Winberry

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF DUNKLIN)

Subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, on this 8th of May, 2013.

Belinda Poe Elder
Notary Public

My Commission expires 4-22-2017

