

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

In Re: Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS)	
Interconnection Agreement between)	
Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and)	Case No.: _____
Cricket Communications, Inc.)	
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

**APPLICATION OF EMBARQ MISSOURI, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK AND
CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CMRS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and hereby files its Application for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment") between Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket") and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

I. APPLICANT

CenturyLink is a Missouri corporation with offices at 319 Madison, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. CenturyLink is authorized to transact business within the State of Missouri and is authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications service within the state.

CenturyLink was originally incorporated in Missouri in 1929 as The United Telephone Company. A restatement of its certification was received in Case No. TA-88-87. CenturyLink has received all necessary Commission and Secretary of State approvals for subsequent name changes and is a corporation in good standing in the State of Missouri.

Evidence of proper name registrations was most recently provided to this Commission in Case No. TO-97-53 (Re: United Telephone Company of Missouri's Adoption Notice Designed to Change the Company's Name to United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint), Case No. TO-98-107 (Application of United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint for Approval of Name Change to Sprint Missouri, Inc.), Case No. TN-2006-0416 (Re Name Change Request of Sprint Missouri, Inc., to Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq) and Case No. TN-2010-0086 (Fictitious Name Change Request of Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq to Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink). CenturyLink requests that the information in those cases be incorporated herein by reference. To CenturyLink's knowledge there are no overdue assessments or annual reports or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years other than one pending action (TC-2012-0304, Duane Farrant v. Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink).

II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Cricket entered into a Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") in 2006. CenturyLink is unable to locate the docket number in which the Agreement was filed, reviewed and approved. CenturyLink hereby provides a courtesy copy of the Agreement for reference purposes only. CenturyLink and Cricket recently entered into the attached Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement. There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

(e) Approval by State Commission

- (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

CenturyLink further states that the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Amendment does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Amendment because the terms of the Amendment are equally available to any other carrier.

IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Cricket believe that the implementation of this Amendment complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Amendment promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

CenturyLink and Cricket respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Amendment, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Cricket Communications, Inc. .

Respectfully submitted,



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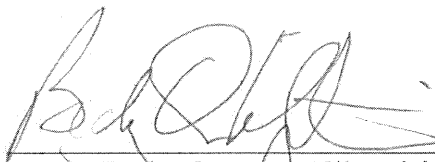
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VERIFICATION

I, Becky Owenson Kilpatrick, an attorney and duly authorized representative of CenturyLink hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement between Cricket Communications, Inc. and CenturyLink and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.


Becky Owenson Kilpatrick

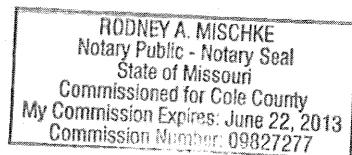
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 28th day of February 2013.

My Commission Expires:

6/22/13



Notary Public in and for said
County and State



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 1st day of March 2013, a copy of the above and foregoing APPLICATION OF EMBARQ MISSOURI, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK AND CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CMRS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT was served electronically or via U.S. Postal Service, to each of the following:

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