

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement between Miller)
Telephone Company and Teleport Communications) **File No. IK-2024-0132**
America, LLC)

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: November 21, 2023

Effective Date: December 21, 2023

This order approves a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Miller Telephone Company.

On October 9, 2023, Miller Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Teleport Communications America, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Miller Telephone Company is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Teleport Communications America, LLC is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although Teleport Communications America, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On October 24, 2023, the Commission issued an order making Teleport Communications America, LLC a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than November 8, 2023. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On November 17, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the Office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 150 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between Miller Telephone Company and Teleport Communications America, LLC, filed on October 9, 2023, is approved.
2. The pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) are waived.
3. This order shall become effective on December 21, 2023.
4. This file may be closed on December 22, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of November, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 21st day of November 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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