

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval)	
of an Interconnection Agreement between)	
Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of East)	<u>File No. IK-2024-0143</u>
Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC,)	
And Brightspeed Broadband, LLC Pursuant to)	
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its *Recommendation* as follows:

1. On October 27, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC, Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC and Brightspeed of Missouri filed their *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between themselves and Brightspeed Broadband, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application.), Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC, Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC, and Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC, are certified with the Commission as incumbent local exchange carriers.

Brightspeed Broadband, LLC, is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and has registrations for interconnected voice over internet protocol and video services.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties or their representatives pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Commission's Data Center for this file, on this 1st day of December, 2023.

/s/ Whitney Scurlock