

**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 Missouri, LLC;)
Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC, and Brightspeed) **File No. IK-2024-0143**
Broadband, LLC Pursuant to the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: December 20, 2023

Effective Date: January 19, 2024

This order approves a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC, Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC, and Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC (collectively “Brightspeed”).

On October 27, 2023, Brightspeed filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Brightspeed Broadband, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Brightspeed is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. 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.

Although Brightspeed Broadband, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On November 7, 2023, the Commission issued an order making Brightspeed Broadband, LLC a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than November 22, 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 December 1, 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 Brightspeed and Brightspeed Broadband, LLC, filed on October 27, 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 January 19, 2024.
4. This file may be closed on January 20, 2024.



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.

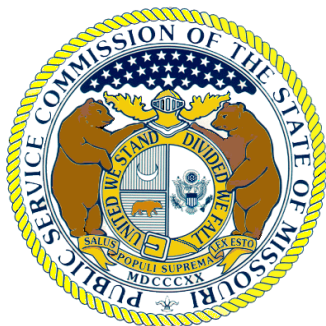
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of December, 2023.

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 20th day of December 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 20, 2023

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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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