

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Adoption of the Interconnection )  
Agreement between Citizens Telephone Company of )  
Higginsville Missouri d/b/a Green Hills Communications ) **File No. IK-2024-0227**  
(CTC) and Time Warner Cable Information Services )  
(Missouri) d/b/a Time Warner Cable (TWCIS) )

## ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: March 20, 2024

Effective Date: March 30, 2024

This order approves the adoption by Time Warner Cable Information Services, LLC, of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville Missouri (Citizens) and Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC.

On February 7, 2024, Citizens filed an application with the Commission for approval of its Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement (the "Adoption Agreement") with Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri) d/b/a Time Warner Cable under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Citizens is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Time Warner Cable is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although Time Warner Cable is a party to the Adoption Agreement, it did not join in the application. On February 15, 2024, the Commission issued an order making Time Warner Cable a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than March 1, 2024. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act,<sup>1</sup> 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. The Commission approved the interconnection agreement between Citizens and Charter in File No. IK-2022-0108, effective December 16, 2021. Section 252(i) of the Act, require the local exchange carrier to make the same terms and conditions of its previously approved interconnection agreements available to any other requesting telecommunications carrier.<sup>2</sup>

On March 8, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Adoption Agreement be approved and notes that the Adoption 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 Adoption Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Adoption 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).

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C.A. § 252(e).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Adoption Agreement between Citizens and Time Warner Cable, filed on February 7, 2024, 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 March 30, 2024.
4. This file may be closed on March 31, 2024.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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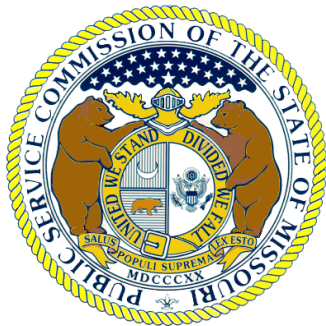
<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C.A. § 252(i).

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**March 20, 2024**

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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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