

**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	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2024-0269</u></b>
Missouri, LLC, and Barr Tell USA, 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 March 29, 2024, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC, and Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC (together referred as “Brightspeed”) filed their *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement (Application)* between themselves and Barr Tell USA, LLC, (“Barr Tell”) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“The Act”).

2. Title 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 Interconnection Agreement was filed with the *Application*. Brightspeed is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Barr Tell is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and is a registered IVoIP provider.

**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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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr**