

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) **File No. IK-2024-0269**
East Missouri, LLC and Barr Tell USA, LLC)
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: May 15, 2024

Effective Date: June 14, 2024

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

On March 29, 2024, Brightspeed filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Barr Tell USA, LLC (Barr Tell) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). 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.

Although Barr Tell is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On April 10, 2024, the Commission issued an order making Barr Tell a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than April 25, 2024. 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 May 13, 2024, 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 COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between Brightspeed and Barr Tell, filed on March 29, 2024, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on June 14, 2024.
3. This file may be closed on June 15, 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 15th day of May, 2024.

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 15th day of May 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 15, 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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