

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval     )  
of an Interconnection Agreement between     )  
Chariton Valley Broadband, LLC and Level 3     ) **File No. IK-2024-0362**  
Communications, LLC     )

## ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: July 31, 2024

Effective Date: August 30, 2024

This order approves a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties, which was filed by Chariton Valley Broadband, LLC (Chariton Valley).

On June 11, 2024, Chariton Valley filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Chariton Valley is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange, a competitive local exchange, and an interexchange telecommunications company. Level 3 is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and an interexchange carrier.

Although Level 3 is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On June 21, 2024, the Commission issued an order making Level 3 a party in this case and directed any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than July 6, 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 July 19, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommended that the Agreement be approved and noted 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 Chariton Valley and Level 3, filed on June 11, 2024, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on August 30, 2024.
3. This file may be closed on August 31, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*

**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**July 31, 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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