

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement between Green Hills)
Area Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Green Hills Communications)
and Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma)
Telephone Pursuant to the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

File No. CK-2025-0086

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its *Recommendation* as follows:

1. On September 9, 2024, Green Hills Area Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Green Hills Communications (“Green Hills”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement and Request for Waiver* between itself and Alma Communication Company d/b/a Alma Telephone (“Alma”).

2. 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 Amendment to 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 Agreement was filed with the Application. Green Hills is certified with the Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier. Alma is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier.

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, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 22nd day of October, 2024, to all counsel of record.

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