

# 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 ) **File No. CK-2025-0086**  
and Alma Communication Company d/b/a Alma )  
Telephone Pursuant to the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996 )

## ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: November 5, 2024

Effective Date: November 15, 2024

This order approves a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Green Hills Area Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Green Hills Communications.

On September 9, 2024, Green Hills Communications filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Alma Communication Company d/b/a Alma Telephone under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Green Hills Communications is certified with the Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC). Alma Telephone is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Although Alma Telephone is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On October 2, 2024, the Commission issued an order making Alma Telephone a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than October 12, 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 October 22, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommends 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.

So that the parties may proceed under the terms of the Agreement without further delay, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Interconnection Agreement between Green Hills Communications and Alma Telephone, filed on September 9, 2024, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on November 15, 2024.
3. This file may be closed on November 16, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*

**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**November 5, 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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