

**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 Missouri, LLC;) **File No. IK-2025-0196**
Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC and Stratus)
Networks, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING
INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND ADDING A PARTY**

Issue Date: January 28, 2025

Effective Date: January 28, 2025

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the Interconnection Agreement, Stratus Networks, Inc., as a party to this proceeding.

On January 3, 2025, Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC (collectively “Brightspeed”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) with Stratus Networks, Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Brightspeed stated that there are no unresolved issues and that the Agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenient and necessary, and is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although Stratus Networks, Inc. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Stratus Networks, Inc. is a necessary party to a full and fair

adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Stratus Networks, Inc. as a party to this case.

The Act provides that the Agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the Agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement, or that implementation of the Agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not acted to approve or reject an Agreement within 90 days after submission, the Agreement shall be deemed approved. That date is April 3, 2025.

The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) will be directed to provide a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Stratus Networks, Inc. is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than February 12, 2025.
4. Staff shall file a recommendation, or a status report regarding when Staff anticipates filing its recommendation, no later than February 27, 2025.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



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.

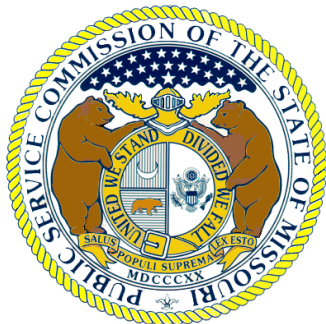
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of January, 2025.

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 28th day of January 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 28, 2025

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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**

Distributed to all Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies.

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.