

**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 )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On January 3, 2025, Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC; and Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC (“Brightspeed”), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Stratus Networks, Inc. (“Stratus Networks”) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Brightspeed requested expeditious approval of the Agreement, without change, suspension, or other delay in its implementation. Brightspeed further stated that it does not believe a docket or intervention by other parties is necessary or appropriate.

3. On January 28, 2025, the Commission ordered Stratus Networks be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than February 12, 2025, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by February 27, 2025.

4. 47 U.S.C. § 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.

5. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Interconnection Agreement was filed with the Application. Brightspeed is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Stratus Networks is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier, and is also authorized to provide Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service in Missouri. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. Neither Brightspeed or Stratus Networks are delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

**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,

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**