

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of)
Level 3 Communications, LLC's Amendment to)
Interconnection Agreement with Oregon Farmers) **File No. TK-2025-0195**
Mutual Telephone Company)

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: February 27, 2025

Effective Date: March 9, 2025

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties, which was filed by Level 3 Communications, LLC.

On January 2, 2025, Level 3 Communications, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to their negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Level 3 Communications, LLC is certified with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier.

Although Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On January 17, 2025, the Commission issued an order making Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company a party in this case and directed any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than February 1, 2025. 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 February 13, 2025, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommended that the Agreement as amended be approved and noted that the Agreement as amended 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 as amended 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 Level 3 Communications, LLC and Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, filed on January 2, 2025, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on March 9, 2025.
3. This file may be closed on March 10, 2025.



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 27th day of February, 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 27th day of February 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 27, 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**

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