

**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 APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: March 4, 2025

Effective Date: March 14, 2025

This order approves a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties, which was filed by Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of East Missouri, LLC; Brightspeed of West Missouri, LLC (collectively “Brightspeed”).

On January 3, 2025, Brightspeed filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Stratus Networks, Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Brightspeed is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Stratus Networks, Inc. is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier, and is also authorized to provide Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service in Missouri.

Although Stratus Networks, Inc. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On January 28, 2025, the Commission issued an order making Stratus Networks, Inc. a party in this case and directed any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than February 12, 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 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 Brightspeed and Stratus Networks, Inc., filed on January 3, 2025, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on March 14, 2025.
3. This file may be closed on March 15, 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.

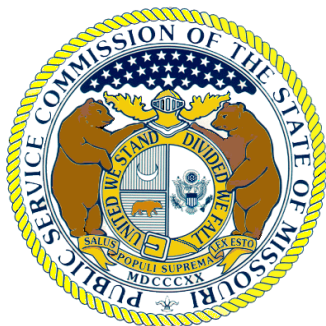
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of March, 2025.

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 4th day of March 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 4, 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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