

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Mark Twain )	
Communications Company for Approval of an )	
Amendment to the Interconnection and Unbundling )	Case No. CK-2009-0123
Agreement between Mark Twain Communications )	
Company and Spectra Communications Group, )	
LLC )	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. On October 3, 2008, Mark Twain Communications Company ("Mark Twain") filed with the Commission, pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act"), an Application seeking approval of an amendment to the interconnection agreement between Mark Twain and Spectra Communications Group, LLC ("Spectra").

2. In an order issued October 8, 2008, the Commission, among other things, made Spectra a party to this case and directed the Staff to file a recommendation concerning this matter no later than November 7, 2008.

3. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated interconnection agreement (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

4. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff states that the agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the amendment pursuant to the Act, and directing the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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