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Re: Amendment One to Interconnection Agreement By and Between Green Hills Telecommunications Services and Embarq Missouri, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Sir or Madam:

CenturyLink presents to the Commission for approval Amendment One to Interconnection Agreement by and between Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Centurylink and Green Hills Telecommunications Services. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on December 12, 2008, Case No. TK-2009-0139.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me at 913-345-6193.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Gardner

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Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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In Re: Amendment One to Interconnection )  
Agreement by and between Green Hills )  
Telecommunications Services and Embarq )  
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant )  
to Sections 251 and 252 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

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Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION OF EMBARQ MISSOURI, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK  
FOR APPROVAL OF A AMENDMENT ONE TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and files its Application for Approval of a Amendment One to Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment") between Green Hills Telecommunications Services ("Green Hills") and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

**I. APPLICANT**

CenturyLink is a Missouri corporation with offices at 319 Madison, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. CenturyLink is authorized to transact business within the State of Missouri and is authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications service within the state.

CenturyLink was originally incorporated in Missouri in 1929 as The United Telephone Company. A restatement of its certification was received in Case No. TA-88-87. CenturyLink has received all necessary Commission and Secretary of State approvals for subsequent name changes and is a corporation in good standing in the State of Missouri.

Evidence of proper name registrations was most recently provided to this Commission in Case No. TO-97-53 (Re: United Telephone Company of Missouri's Adoption Notice Designed to Change the Company's Name to United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint), Case No. TO-98-107 (Application of United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint for Approval of Name Change to Sprint Missouri, Inc.), Case No. TN-2006-0416 (Re Name Change Request of Sprint Missouri, Inc., to Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq) and Case No. TN-2010-0086 (Fictitious Name Change Request of Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq to Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink). CenturyLink requests that the information in those cases be incorporated herein by reference. To CenturyLink's knowledge there are no overdue assessments or annual reports nor are there any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

## **II. INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT**

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Green Hills entered into an Interconnection Agreement dated September 8, 2008 and approved by the Commission December 12, 2008 in Case No. 2009-0139. CenturyLink and Green Hills recently entered into the attached Amendment to replace Part D of the referenced Interconnection Agreement. There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

## **III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW**

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

### **(e) Approval by State Commission**

- (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted to

shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.

(2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.

(A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

CenturyLink further states that the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Amendment does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Amendment because the terms of the Amendment are equally available to any other carrier.

#### **IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Green Hills believe that the implementation of this Amendment complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Amendment promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

CenturyLink and Green Hills respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Amendment, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

V. **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve Amendment One to Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Green Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Gardner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Linda Gardner

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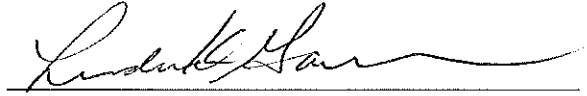
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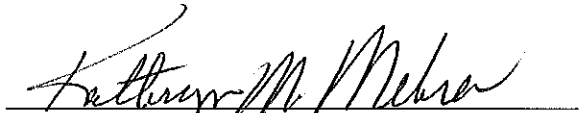
**VERIFICATION**

I, Linda Gardner, an attorney and duly authorized representative of CenturyLink hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application of Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink for Approval of Amendment One to Interconnection Agreement and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

  
Linda Gardner

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2011.



  
Notary Public in and for said  
County and State

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2011, a copy of the above and foregoing Application for Approval of Amendment One to Interconnection Agreement was served by email to each of the following:

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