

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

In the Matter of the Application of McDonald)	
County Telephone Company for Approval of)	
an Interconnection and Reciprocal Agreement)	Case No. IK-2009-0345
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On March 27, 2009, McDonald County Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement with Nextel West Corp., under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated 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)

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the interconnection 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 Missouri Public Service Commission approve the interconnection agreement pursuant to the Act, and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 4th day of May, 2009.

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