

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

In Re: The Interconnection Agreement by)	
and between Sprint Missouri, Inc., and)	
Missouri Network Alliance, LLC,)	Case No. IK-2006-0054
Pursuant to Section 251 and 252 of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Missouri Network Alliance, LLC

2. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this Interconnection Agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

3. The Staff concludes that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and the Agreement is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. The Staff further recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **IK-2006-0054**

From: Arthur P. Kuss
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Date: August 26, 2005

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Utility Operations Division/Date

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General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date Filed: August 03, 2005

Staff Deadline: September 06, 2005

Party: **Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint (Sprint)**

Type of Certification: ☐ None
☐ Basic Local
☐ Local (Restricted to Private Line)
☒ Local (No Restrictions)
☐ Interexchange

Party: **Missouri Network Alliance, LLC (MNA)**

Type of Certification: ☐ None
☒ Basic Local
☒ Local (Restricted to Private Line)
☐ Local (No Restrictions)
☒ Interexchange

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one):

- ☐ Resale Agreement
- ☒ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement:

- 1) Does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and
- 2) Is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

☒ No applications to intervene have been filed.

Intervention
Deadline: August 25,
2005

☒ The Agreement has been signed by both Parties.

☐ Staff does not have a serially numbered copy of the Agreement and recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.

☒ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.

Annual report & Assessment Information

☒ The Parties are not delinquent in filing annual reports or paying the PSC assessments.

☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

☐ No annual report. ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:

☒ There is an attachment to this Appendix indicating additional recommendations or special considerations. See below.

Attachment:

1. The Interconnection Agreement (IA) includes tables exhibiting rate schedules, including certain pricing indicated as to be determined on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).
2. The IA includes subsections addressing support for Indirect and Transit Traffic involving networks of third party telecommunications providers (Sections 60 and 61).
3. Sections are included addressing collocation and interconnection of facilities.