

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

In Re: The Interconnection Agreement By and )  
Between Sprint Missouri, Inc., and Big River ) **Case No. IK-2006-0144**  
Telephone Company, LLC, Pursuant to Sections 251 )  
and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING**  
**BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC, A PARTY**

Issue Date: October 4, 2005

Effective Date: October 4, 2005

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Big River Telephone Company, LLC, as a party to this proceeding.

On October 3, 2005, Sprint Missouri, Inc., filed an application with the Commission for approval of its Interconnection Agreement with Big River Telephone Company, LLC, under the provision of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Sprint states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest.

Although Big River is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Big River is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Big River as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not

consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>1</sup> Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with the case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. That Big River Telephone Company, LLC, is made a party to this case.
3. That any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than October 24, 2005, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Brett D. Leopold  
6450 Sprint Parkway  
KSOPHN0212-2A252  
Overland Park, Kansas 66251

Legal Department  
Big River Telephone Company, LLC  
24 S. Minnesota Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63703

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

and:

Office of the Public Counsel  
Post Office Box 2230  
200 Madison Street, Suite 650  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than November 3, 2005.

5. That this order shall become effective on October 4, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4th day of October, 2005.