

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

Application of Steelville Telephone)	
Exchange, Inc. for Approval of an)	
Interconnection and Reciprocal)	Case No. IK-2008-0194
Compensation Agreement 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 December 14, 2007, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. (Steelville) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Steelville stated that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act because it is not discriminatory to non-party carriers and it is consistent with the public interest.

3. Though Verizon Wireless is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application; therefore, the Commission joined Verizon as a party on December 18, 2007 in order to ensure a full and fair adjudication of this matter.

4. The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the Commission determines that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

5. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission has reviewed the proposed agreement and prepared a memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A.

6. In its memorandum, Staff states that it believes that the proposed agreement meets the limited requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

7. Specifically, Staff believes that the proposed agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement, and the proposed agreement is not against the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

8. Furthermore, Staff recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the interconnection agreement and find that the proposed agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement, and the proposed agreement is not against the public interest, convenience, or necessity. Staff further recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

/ **Blane Baker**

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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 9th day of January 2008.

/ Blane Baker

Blane Baker

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **IK-2008-0194**

Party: **Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc.**

Type of Carrier: ☒ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
☐ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
☐ Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

Party: **Verizon Wireless LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco and Cello Partnership all d/b/a Verizon Wireless**

Type of Carrier: ☐ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
☐ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
☒ Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

From: Mike Scheperle
Telecommunications Department

Wm L Voight 01/09/08
Utility Operations Division/Date

Blane Baker 01/09/2008
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement

Date: January 9, 2008

Date Filed: January 9, 2008

Staff Deadline: January 17, 2008

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- ☒ Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Amendment Not Previously Approved

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment 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.

- ☐ The Applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.
- ☒ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene have been filed. Intervention Deadline: January 7, 2008
- ☒ The Agreement or Amendment has been signed by both Parties.

Additional Recommendations or Special Considerations (if any):

Annual Report & Assessment Information

- ☒ The Parties are not delinquent in filing Annual Reports or paying PSC Assessments.
- ☐ A Party is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition that 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:

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AFFIDAVIT OF Michael S. Scheperle

STATE OF MISSOURI)

) ss:

COUNTY OF COLE)

Michael S. Scheperle, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in preparing the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Michael S. Scheperle

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Subscribed and affirmed before me this 9th day of January 2008

I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Callaway,

State of Missouri and my commission expires on 9-21-10



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06942086

Susan L. Sundermeyer
NOTARY PUBLIC