

1. Embarq is a public utility, and a telecommunications company, as those terms are defined in Section 386.020(42) and (51), RSMo 2000. Embarq is a large incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and is subject to Price Cap Regulation under Section 392.245.

2. Missouri Revised Statutes §392.245.5 (2008) allows carriers subject to Price Cap Regulation to seek competitive classification for each telecommunications service offered to business and residential customers, other than exchange access service, in any exchange in which at least two non-affiliated entities are providing basic local telecommunications service to customers within the exchange.

3. Embarq faces growing residential competition from two or more non-affiliated entities in its Lone Jack exchange. Furthermore, Embarq faces growing business competition from two or more non-affiliated entities in Applicant's 38 business exchanges. More specifically, Embarq faces competition from (a) numerous non-affiliated wireless providers, (b) from wireline carriers using their own facilities, in whole or in part, to provide basic local telecommunications services, and (c) resellers (non-prepaid) and other carriers using commercial arrangements with Embarq.

4. With the enactment of House Bill 1779, Section 392.245.5 RSMo. (2008) now recognizes that if an ILEC faces residential competition by two non-affiliated entities then both residential services and business services shall be deemed competitive in the exchange. Contained in the listing of Applicant's 38 business exchanges are three exchanges (Fort Leonard Wood, Lake Lotawana and Weston) that have previously been deemed competitive by the Commission for residential services and Embarq now seeks competitive classification for business services. In addition, in this Amended Application, Embarq is seeking residential

competitive classification for its Lone Jack exchange and upon finding that two non-affiliated carriers are providing residential service the Commission shall also deem Embarq's business services as competitive as now recognized by Section 392.245.5 RSMo. (2008).

5. Section 392.245.5(1) RSMo. (2008) recognizes that commercial mobile service providers shall be considered as entities providing basic local telecommunications service, provided that (a) only one such non-affiliated provider shall be considered as providing basic local telecommunications service within an exchange and (b) if the commercial mobile service provider does not designate customers by business or residential class, such provider will be deemed to be providing service to both business and residential customers. Embarq has numerous non-affiliated wireless providers operating in its exchanges providing basic local telecommunications service including, but not limited to, the following wireless carriers that are providing basic local telecommunications service to business and/or residential customers in Applicant's 38 business exchanges and Lone Jack: Sprint Nextel (www.sprint.com), AT&T Wireless (www.wireless.att.com), Verizon (www.verizon.com), Alltel (www.alltel.com), T-Mobile (www.t-mobile.com), and US Cellular (www.uscc.com). See Attachment A.

6. Section 392.245.5(2) RSMo (2008), recognizes any entity providing local voice service in whole or in part over telecommunications facilities it owns as an entity that provides basic local telecommunications services in competition with Embarq. Time Warner Cable Information Services², in conjunction with Sprint Communications Company, L.P., offers local phone service in direct competition with Embarq in Lone Jack. Embarq has experienced residential customer loss in its Lone Jack exchange as a direct result of competitive entry by Time Warner Cable in conjunction with Sprint.

7. With the enactment of House Bill 1779, Section 392.245.5(6) RSMo (2008) now recognizes that any entity, other than pre-paid resellers, providing local voice service in competition with an ILEC shall be considered by the Commission when determining whether two non-affiliated entities are providing basic local telecommunications service to customers within the exchange, regardless of whether such entity provides local voice service using its own telecommunications facilities. Granite Telephone³, American Fiber Network, Inc.⁴, and other business providers known to the Commission offer local phone service in direct competition with Embarq in Applicant's 38 business exchanges. Embarq has experienced business customer loss in Applicant's 38 business exchanges as a direct result of competitive entry by Granite Telephone, American Fiber Network, Inc, and other business providers known to the Commission. Attachment B identifies the specific carriers and exchanges for business classification.

8. Embarq's Amended Application for Competitive Classification does not request any price changes. In fact, Embarq acknowledges that all rates currently in effect for these exchanges will remain in effect until such time Embarq files a tariff requesting a price change. Under current law, Embarq will be required to file tariffs for any future price changes, either increases or decreases, associated with these exchanges which will continue to require

² Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri) LLC ("Time Warner Cable") obtained a Certificate to Provide Basic Local, Local Exchange, and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within Missouri, including the exchanges of Embarq, on March 2, 2004 (Case No. LA-2004-0133).

³ Granite Telecommunications, LLC, obtained a Certificate to Provide Basic Local, Local Exchange, and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within Missouri, including the exchanges of Embarq on December 3, 2003 (Case No. LA-2004-0124)

⁴ American Fiber Network, Inc. obtained a Certificate to Provide Basic Local, and Local Exchange Services within Missouri, including the exchanges of Embarq on March 3, 2003 (Case No. TA-2000-305)

Commission approval. Furthermore, Embarq will be required to notify its customers of any future price increase.

WHEREFORE Embarq respectfully requests the Commission approve Embarq's Amended Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5 RSMo (2008). Embarq has identified that there are at least two non-affiliated entities providing basic local telecommunications service to residential customers within its Lone Jack exchange. Also, Embarq has identified that there are at least two non-affiliated entities providing basic local telecommunications service to business customers within Applicant's 38 business exchanges identified above. Embarq's Amended Application meets the statutory requirements for competitive classification, which should become effective in no more than 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,

EMBARQ MISSOURI, INC.

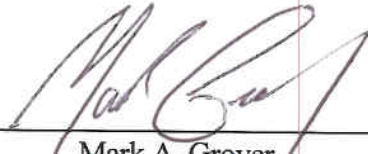


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VERIFICATION

I, Mark A. Grover, a duly authorized representative of Embarq Missouri, Inc. hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Amended Application for Competitive Classification and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.




Mark A. Grover

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7th day of October 2008.

My Appointment Expires:





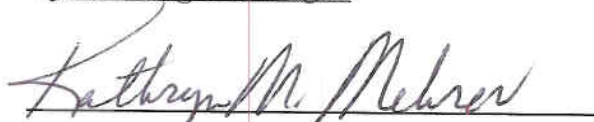
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The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 7th day of October 2008, a copy of the above and foregoing document was served via electronic mail, facsimile or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to each of the following:

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SUMMARY WIRELESS COVERAGE

Attachment A

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<u>Embarq Exchange</u>	<u>Sprint</u>	<u>AT&T</u>	<u>Alltel</u>	<u>US Cellular</u>	<u>Verizon</u>	<u>T-Mobile</u>
Appleton City	No Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
California	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	No Coverage
Centerville	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Clinton	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Cole Camp	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Eugene	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Ft. Leonard Wood	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Greenridge	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Hardin	Coverage	No Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Harrisonville	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Henrietta	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Holden	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Hopkins	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Ionia	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
King City	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Lake Lotawana	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Leeton	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Lexington	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Lincoln	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Lone Jack	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Maryville	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Missouri City	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Montrose	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
New Bloomfield	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Newburg	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Pickering	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Richland	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Russellville	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Sweet Springs	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Tarkio	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Tipton	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	No Coverage
Urish	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	No Coverage
Warsaw	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Waverly	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Wellington	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Weston	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage
Windsor	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage

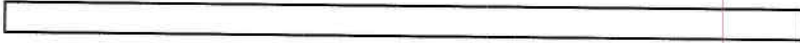
Coverage Information Derived from Wireless Carrier Company Websites

Summary Wireline Providers

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Attachment B
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<u>Embarq Exchange</u>	<u>Granite 2007 Annual Report</u>	<u>American Fiber 2007 Annual Report</u>	<u>Navigator (Internal Embarq Data)</u>	<u>Residential Classification</u>
Appleton City	1	-		
Butler	11	5		
California	7	-		
Centerview	2	-		
Clinton	20	5		
Cole Camp	4	-		
Eugene	5	-		
Ft. Leonard Wood				TO-2008-0147
Greenridge	1	-		
Hardin	2	-		
Harrisonville	17	-		
Henrietta	2	-		
Holden	5	-		
Hopkins	2	-		
Ionia	2	-		
King City	2	-		
Lake Lotawana	-	-		IO-2006-0551
Leeton	1	-		
Lexington	11	-		
Lincoln	1	-		
Lone Jack	-	-		This Application
Maryville	12	3		
Missouri City	2	-		
Montrose	2	-		
New Bloomfield	2	-		
Newburg	4	-		
Pickering	2	-		
Richland	3	-		
Russellville	2	-		
Sweet Springs	6	-		
Tarkio	4	-		
Tipton	5	-		
Urich	2	-		
Warsaw	9	-		
Waverly	2	-		
Wellington	2	-		
Weston	-	-		IO-2006-0092
Windsor	5	-		



GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE RATE GROUPS

X. COMPETITIVE EXCHANGES (Continued)

The following exchanges are classified as competitive:

B. Business

Appleton City ⁽⁷⁾	Kearney ⁽¹⁾	Pleasant Hill ⁽⁶⁾
Buckner ⁽⁶⁾	King City ⁽⁷⁾	Richland ⁽⁷⁾
Butler ⁽⁷⁾	Lake Lotawana ⁽⁷⁾	Rolla ⁽¹⁾
California ⁽⁷⁾	Lebanon ⁽⁴⁾	Russellville ⁽⁷⁾
Centerview ⁽⁷⁾	Leeton ⁽⁷⁾	St. Robert ⁽²⁾
Clinton ⁽⁷⁾	Lexington ⁽⁷⁾	Salem ⁽⁶⁾
Cole Camp ⁽⁷⁾	Lincoln ⁽⁷⁾	Sweet Springs ⁽⁷⁾
Eugene ⁽⁷⁾	Lone Jack ⁽⁷⁾	Tarkio ⁽⁷⁾
Ferrelview ⁽²⁾	Maryville ⁽⁷⁾	Tipton ⁽⁷⁾
Ft. Leonard Wood ⁽⁷⁾	Missouri City ⁽⁷⁾	Urich ⁽⁷⁾
Greenridge ⁽⁷⁾	Montrose ⁽⁷⁾	Warrensburg ⁽⁵⁾
Hardin ⁽⁷⁾	New Bloomfield ⁽⁷⁾	Warsaw ⁽⁷⁾
Harrisonville ⁽⁷⁾	Newburg ⁽⁷⁾	Waverly ⁽⁷⁾
Henrietta ⁽⁷⁾	Norborne ⁽¹⁾	Waynesville ⁽²⁾
Holden ⁽⁷⁾	Oak Grove ⁽⁶⁾	Wellington ⁽⁷⁾
Hopkins ⁽⁷⁾	Odessa ⁽⁶⁾	Weston ⁽⁷⁾
Ionia ⁽⁷⁾	Pickering ⁽⁷⁾	Windsor ⁽⁷⁾
Jefferson City ⁽³⁾	Platte City ⁽²⁾	

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All services in competitive exchanges are eligible for exchange-specific pricing, *except* for those services otherwise specified in Section 51 of this Tariff. When exchange-specific rates do apply, those competitive exchanges with rates that differ from those of non-competitive exchanges will be listed for that given service. It is therefore possible for the competitive exchange listings to vary by service.

- (1) Competitive Service Classification pursuant to MO PSC Order of December 4, 2003, in Case No. IO-2003-0281.
- (2) Competitive Service Classification pursuant to Case No. IO-2006-0092, effective August 28, 2005.
- (3) Competitive Service Classification pursuant to Case No. TO-2006-0375, effective May 1, 2006.
- (4) Competitive Service Classification pursuant to Case No. TO-2007-0301, effective March 10, 2007.
- (5) Competitive Service Classification pursuant to Case No. TO-2008-0147, effective December 6, 2007.
- (6) Competitive Service Classification pursuant to Case No. TO-2008-0380, effective July 3, 2008.
- (7) **Competitive Service Classification pursuant to Case No. XX-2008-XXXX, effective October 28, 2008.**

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