

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

In the Matter of the Interconnection )  
Agreement By and Between Sprint )  
Missouri, Inc. and Big River Telephone )  
Company LLC, Pursuant to Sections 251 )  
and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of )  
1996. )

Case No. IK-2006-0144

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On October 3, 2005, Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint, filed an application seeking approval of the Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement between Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Big River Telephone Company, LLC (the “Agreement”) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Under the provisions of the 1996 Act, the Commission has ninety days to act to approve or reject an agreement after its submission or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(4).

2. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Agreement.

3. The terms of the Agreement do not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and are not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

**WHEREFORE**, because the terms of this agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. §252(e), in that they do not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and are not against the public interest, convenience and necessity, the Staff recommends the Commission grant approval of the Agreement, and that the Commission direct the parties to the agreement to submit any future modifications or amendments to the Agreement to the Commission for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2005.

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