

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

In the Matter of the Application of Rock Port	)	
Telephone Company for Approval of an	)	<u>File No. IK-2020-0374</u>
Interconnection Agreement	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On May 18, 2020, Rock Port Telephone Company (Rock Port), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3 Communications).

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the *Application*. Rock Port is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Level 3 Communications is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the *Application* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 19th day of June, 2020, to all counsel of record.

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