

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)	
Interconnection Agreement Between Fidelity)	
Telephone LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications and)	<u>File No. IK-2022-0231</u>
Level 3 Communications, LLC)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On March 1, 2022, Fidelity Telephone LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications, filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Amendment to a Negotiated Intercommunication Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC between itself and Level 3 Communications, LLC.

2. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only 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 interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers nor 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. Fidelity Telephone LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Level 3 Communications, LLC is an interexchange carrier and competitive local exchange carrier.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 13th day of April, 2022.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey