

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

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement)	
between Embark Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and)	File No. <u>IK-2023-0219</u>
Onvoy, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On January 5, 2023, Embark Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Onvoy, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) (1996) 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 amendment to the Interconnection 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. Embark Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Onvoy, LLC 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 under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 parties and/or counsel of record on this 31st day of January, 2023.

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