

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spectra)
Communications Group, LLC for Approval of an)
Amendment to its Interconnection, Resale and)
Unbundling Agreement with Chariton Valley)
Telecom Corporation.)

Case No. IK-2008-0274

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. On February 21, 2008, Spectra Communications Group, LLC ("Spectra") filed with the Commission, an Application seeking approval of Amendment 1 to Spectra's Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement between Spectra and Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation. The Commission previously approved the underlying agreement in its Order Approving Interconnection Agreement, issued July 12, 2005 in Case No. TK-2005-0453.

2. In an order issued February 25, 2008, the Commission, among other things, made Chariton Valley Telecom a party to this case and directed the Staff to file a recommendation concerning this matter no later than March 26, 2008.

3. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated interconnection agreement (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

4. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff states that the agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the amendment pursuant to the Act, and directing the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments.

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 24th day of March 2008.

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