

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

In the Matter of the Third-Party Transit Provider)
Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement)
Between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a)
CenturyLink; Spectra Communications Group, LLC)
d/b/a CenturyLink and Onvoy, LLC Pursuant to)
Section 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996.)

File No. IK-2023-0223

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 January 11, 2023, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CenturyLink”), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of the Third Party Transit Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with Onvoy, LLC* (“Onvoy”), under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On January 19, 2023, the Commission ordered Onvoy be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than February 3, 2023, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by February 18, 2023.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 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.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers

not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the Application. CenturyLink is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Onvoy is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. Neither CenturyLink or Onvoy are delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

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 31st day of January, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey