

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Fidelity Telephone Company for	)	<u>File No. IK-2019-0113</u>
Approval of an Interconnection Agreement	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On October 29, 2018, Fidelity Telephone Company ("Fidelity") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") its *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC ("Charter") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act").

2. Fidelity is a local exchange carrier operating in Missouri. Fidelity is a Missouri corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. Fidelity's annual reports and assessments are not overdue.

3. Charter is a basic local and interexchange carrier in Missouri. Charter is a foreign corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. Charter's annual reports and assessments are not overdue.

4. On November 2, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Making Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC a Party*. The Commission made Charter a party to the case, issued an intervention deadline of November 17, 2018, and ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than December 2, 2018.

5. No parties have filed to intervene in this matter.

6. Pursuant to Section 252 (e)(2) of the Act, 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, or necessity.

7. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Interconnection Agreement between Fidelity and Charter 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*.

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 copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 21st day of November, 2018.

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