

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application for Approval of an Interconnection )  
Agreement Between BPS Telephone Company and ) **File No. IK-2022-0041**  
Teleport Communications America, LLC )

## ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: September 17, 2021

Effective Date: October 17, 2021

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by BPS Telephone Company (BPS).

On August 13, 2021, BPS filed an application with the Commission for approval of an adoption of the Interconnection Agreement between itself and Teleport Communications America, LLC (Teleport Communications America) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. BPS is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Teleport Communications America is an interexchange and a competitive local exchange carrier.

Although Teleport Communications America is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On August 16, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Teleport Communications America a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than September 1, 2021. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On September 1, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Interconnection Agreement between BPS and Teleport Communications America, filed on August 13, 2021, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on October 17, 2021.
3. This file may be closed on October 18, 2021.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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