

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an)
Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement)
Between Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC and Charter)
Fiberlink - Missouri, LLC Pursuant to the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

File No. IK-2023-0348

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 April 7, 2023, Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC (“Brightspeed”), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC, (“Charter”) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On April 20, 2023, the Commission ordered Charter be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than May 5, 2023, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by May 22, 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. Brightspeed is an

incumbent local exchange carrier. Charter is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. Neither Brightspeed or Charter 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 10th day of May, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey