

**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 Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink,	)	<u>File No. IK-2023-0351</u>
and Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC Pursuant to	)	
the Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On April 7, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink filed with the Public Service Commission its *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. 47 USC 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.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement 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. Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange. Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC (Charter) is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

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 a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 19th day of May, 2023, to all counsel of record.

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