# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application for Approval of an Amendment to the	)	
Interconnection Agreement between Brightspeed of	)	
Missouri, LLC f/k/a CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,	) Docket No	
Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a	)	
CenturyLink, and Time Warner Cable Information		
Services (Missouri), LLC Pursuant to the		
Telecommunications Act of 1996		

# APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

COMES NOW, Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC f/k/a CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b.a CenturyLink (collectively "ILECs") and files this Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment") between ILECs and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri), LLC ("Time Warner") pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its Application, ILECs states the following:

## I. <u>APPLICANT</u>

ILECs are Missouri corporations with offices at 1120 South Tryon Street, Suite 700, Charlotte, NC 28203. ILECs are authorized to transact business within the State of Missouri and are authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications service within the state.

To ILECs' knowledge, there are no overdue assessments or annual reports or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

## II. <u>INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT</u>

ILECs presents to the Commission the attached Amendment for approval pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. The implementation of the Amendment complies fully with Section

252(e) of the Act because the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Amendment promotes diversity in providers and increases customer choice for telecommunications services.

## III. STANDARD OF REVIEW

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Federal Act states:

- (e) Approval by State Commission.
  - (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement with written findings as to any deficiencies.
  - (2) Grounds For Rejection The State commission may only reject –
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that
    - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
    - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

## IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

ILECs seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Act. The Amendment is bilateral, reached as a result of negotiation and compromise between the parties. There are no outstanding issues involving the limited subject matter of the Amendment that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration. ILECs and Time Warner do not believe a docket or intervention by other parties is necessary or appropriate.

ILECs request that the Commission grant expeditious approval of the Amendment, without change, suspension, or other delay in its implementation.

## V. <u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>

In addition to undersigned counsel, all communications regarding this Application should be addressed to the following representatives:

#### **ILECs:**

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## VI. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, ILECs respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order approving this Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between ILECs and Time Warner.

Respectfully,

#### /s/ Tim Opitz

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## **REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

By signing this form, I hereby certify that neither I, nor any other members of this filing party, has had communications with a Commissioner, Commissioner Advisor, Regulatory Law Judge, or any member of their support team in the one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the filing date of this application regarding any substantive issue included in this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, a copy of the above and foregoing Application of ILECs for Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement was served via email and/or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the following:

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