BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)		
Aurora Communications, Inc. for)		
Approval of its Interconnection)	Case No	
Agreement with Windstream Missouri, Inc.)		

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Comes now Aurora Communications, Inc. ("Aurora" or "Applicant"), and hereby files this Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between Aurora and Windstream Missouri, Inc. ("Windstream"), under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-104 ("Federal Act"), and 4 CSR 240-3.513, stating the following:

A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- 1. Aurora is a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") in Missouri. In Case No. CA-2007-0175, the Commission granted Aurora certificates of service authority to provide basic local and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri. Aurora's office and principal place of business are located at 214 Elm Street, Suite 101, Washington, Missouri 63090 and its telephone number is 636-239-1066.
- 2. By this Application, Aurora seeks Commission approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Aurora and Windstream. Windstream's office and principle place of business is located at 250 E. High School Dr., Dixon, Missouri 65459. Windstream is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility." And is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in Section 386.020, RSMo. 2000.
- 3. Aurora's documents of incorporation and its Certificate of Good Standing have been filed with the Commission in docket CA-2007-0175 which are incorporated by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G).

4. Correspondence, pleadings, and orders in this matter should be addressed to:

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B. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

5. Aurora presents to this Commission for approval an Interconnection Agreement negotiated, executed, and approved pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. After comprehensive, good faith negotiations Aurora and Windstream executed the Agreement on June 14, 2007. The Agreement is appended hereto.

C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

- 6. Aurora seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act and Missouri law. Aurora believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.
- 7. Aurora respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral Agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between competitors, and intervention by other parties is neither necessary nor appropriate.

D. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

- 8. The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides as follows:
 - (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;...
- 9. The agreement fully complies with the criteria applicable for approval, and does not violate any of the criteria to be applied for rejection. Thus, the Agreement should be approved.
- 10. Aurora does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or unsatisfied judgments or adverse decisions from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application.
 - 11. Aurora does not have any annual report or assessments which are overdue.

E. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Aurora respectfully requests that the Commission approve the attached Interconnection Agreement between Aurora and Windstream.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY FOR AURORA COMMUNICATIONS, INC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)	SS:	
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN)		

COMES NOW Daniel M. Buescher, being of lawful age and duly sworn, who swears and affirms as follows:

- 1. My name is Daniel M. Buescher, and I am an attorney for Aurora Communications, Inc. In that capacity, I am authorized to verify the statements contained in the Application above, and the information contained therein, on behalf of Aurora Communications, Inc.
- 2. The information contained in the above-described document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Daniel M. Buescher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of July, 2007

" NOTARY SEAL "
M. Lynn Tolliver, Notary Public
Warren County, State of Missouri
My Commission Expires 5/3/2011
Commission Number 07522625

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been mailed electronically day of July, 2007, to:

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