

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

In Re: Application of Steelville Telephone)
Exchange, Inc. for Approval of an)
Interconnection and Reciprocal)
Compensation Agreement under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TK-2007-0051

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant approval of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. and Nextel West Corp. (Agreement) filed by Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. The terms of the Agreement do not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and are not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

WHEREFORE, because the terms of the Agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. §252(e), Staff recommends the Commission approve the Agreement and

direct the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments to the Agreement to the Commission for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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