

**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 Agreement with)	Case No. TK-2008-0006
Windstream Missouri, Inc.)	
)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On July 5, 2007, Aurora Communications, Inc. filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Windstream Missouri, Inc. under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the interconnection agreement pursuant to the Act, and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of July 2007.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TK-2008-0006

Party: Aurora Communications, Inc.

Type of Carrier:

- ☐ ILEC
☒ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: Windstream Missouri, Inc.

Type of Carrier:

- ☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

From: Walt Cecil, Telecommunications Department

William Voight / July 27, 2007
Utility Operations Division/Date

William Haas / July 27, 2007
General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement or
Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Date: July 27, 2007

Date Filed: July 5, 2007

Staff Deadline: August 6, 2007

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- ☒ Interconnection Agreement
☐ Amendment not previously approved

The parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission.

☐ The applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

☒ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items

☒ No applications to intervene filed.

☒ Agreement or Amendment signed by both Parties.

Additional recommendations or special considerations (if any):

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

(☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:)