

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

In the Matter of the Interconnection, Collocation and	)	
Resale Agreement by and between Fidelity	)	
Communication Services I, Inc. and Embarq	)	<u>File No. TK-2013-0336</u>
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to	)	
Sections 251 and 252 of 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 December 17, 2012, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated master resale agreement with Fidelity Communication Services I, Inc. under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. CenturyLink is a certificated Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company; Fidelity Communication Services I is certificated as a Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Company.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation 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, the Staff herein states that 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.

4. The Companies are not delinquent in filing any annual reports, paying the PSC assessment, or remitting MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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