

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for FCC Modernizing)
Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment)
to the Interconnection Agreement Between Comcast)
Phone of Missouri, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital and)
Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to) **File No. TK-2022-0106**
Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: December 9, 2021

Effective Date: January 8, 2022

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink.

On October 12, 2021, CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Comcast Phone of Missouri, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. That initial application was deficient in that it did not comply with the 60-day notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017. After the Commission issued notice of that deficiency, CenturyLink filed an amended application on October 28, 2021. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and an interexchange carrier. Comcast Digital Phone is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and an interexchange carrier.

Although Comcast Digital Phone is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On November 3, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Comcast Digital Phone a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than November 18, 2021. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On December 3, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement as amended be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 60 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Comcast Digital Phone, filed on October 12, 2021, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on January 8, 2022.
3. This file may be closed on January 9, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of December, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 9th day of December, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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