

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Aurora)	
Communications, Inc. for Approval of its)	<u>Case No. TK-2008-0006</u>
Interconnection Agreement with Windstream)	
Missouri, Inc.)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING WINDSTREAM MISSOURI,
INC. A PARTY

Issue Date: July 6, 2007

Effective Date: July 6, 2007

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Windstream Missouri, Inc. ("Windstream"), as a party to this proceeding.

On July 5, 2007, Aurora Communications, Inc. ("Aurora") filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Windstream under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Aurora states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. Aurora requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Windstream is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Windstream is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Windstream as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a

telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Windstream Missouri, Inc., is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than July 26, 2007, with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and serve a copy on:

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and

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than August 6, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on July 6, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', with a stylized, cursive script.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of July, 2007.