

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

Application of Mark Twain Rural Telephone )  
Company for Approval of An Amendment to a )  
Traffic Termination Agreement under the ) Case No. TO-2008-0347  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. On April 22, 2008, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company filed with the Commission an Application for approval of an amendment to its traffic termination agreement with United States Cellular Corporation (“US Cellular”) under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission previously approved the underlying agreement on January 18, 2006 in Case No. TO-2006-0259.

2. On April 23, 2008, the Commission issued an order that, among other things, made US Cellular a party to this proceeding and directed the Staff to file a memorandum concerning this matter no later than May 23, 2008.

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

4. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff states that the 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 issue an order approving the amendment to the agreement pursuant to the Act, and directing the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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