

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

Application of Kingdom Telephone)
Company for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement and)
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement)
under the Telecommunications Act of)
1996)

Case No. TK-2008-0163

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On November 13, 2007, Kingdom Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Kingdom states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest.

2. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or any 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)

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled 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 respectfully 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 14th day of December, 2007.

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To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

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Party: Kingdom Telephone Company

Type of Carrier: Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
 Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
 Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

Party: **Verizon Wireless LLC, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, St. Joseph CellTelco and Cello Partnership all d/b/a Verizon Wireless**

Type of Carrier: Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
 Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
 Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

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Telecommunications Department

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Sarah Kliethermes 12/13/2007
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement

Date: December 13, 2007

Date Filed: December 13, 2007

Staff Deadline: December 21, 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 have been filed. Intervention Deadline: December 11, 2007
- The Agreement or Amendment has been signed by both Parties.

Additional Recommendations or Special Considerations (if any):

Annual Report & Assessment Information

- The Parties are not delinquent in filing Annual Reports or paying PSC Assessments.
- A Party is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition that 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:

