

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

In Re: The Application of Ellington)
Telephone Company for Approval of an)
Interconnection and Reciprocal)
Compensation Agreement under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TK-2007-0076

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant approval of the *Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement* between Ellington Telephone Company and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (Agreement) filed by Ellington Telephone Company under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. The terms of the Agreement do not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and are not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

WHEREFORE, because the terms of the Agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. §252(e), Staff recommends the Commission approve the Agreement and direct the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments to the Agreement to the Commission for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David A. Meyer

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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 11th day of September 2006.

/s/ David A. Meyer

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. **TK-2007-0076**

Party: Ellington Telephone Company

Type of Carrier:

☒ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☐ Wireless

Party: Sprint Spectrum, L.P.

Type of Carrier:

☐ ILEC
☐ CLEC
☒ Wireless

From: Walt Cecil, Telecommunications Department

Natelle Dietrich/ 9/8/2006

Utility Operations Division/Date

David Meyer/ 9/8/2006

General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement or
Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Date: September 8, 2006

Date Filed: August 16, 2007

Staff Deadline: September 18, 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 filed.

☒ Agreement or Amendment signed by both Parties.

Additional recommendations or special considerations (if any):

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

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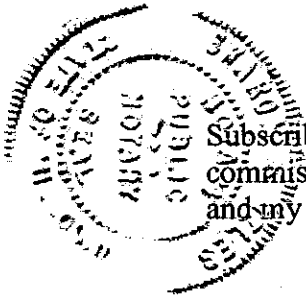
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AFFIDAVIT OF WALT CECIL

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Walt Cecil, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying memorandum and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Walt Cecil
Walt Cecil



Subscribed and affirmed before me this 8th day of September, 2006. I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri, and my commission expires on September 11, 2006.

Sharon S. Wiles
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
COLE COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXP. SEPT 11, 2006