

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

In the Matter of the Application of Embarq Missouri,     )  
Inc. for Approval of the ICC Bill and Keep             )  
Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services )  
Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Wireless    ) **File No. TK-2013-0172**  
Services, Inc. and Sprint Missouri, Inc. Pursuant to    )  
Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications        )  
Act of 1996                                                     )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits  
its Recommendation as follows:

1. On October 8, 2012, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the CMRS negotiated interconnection agreement with AT&T Wireless, Inc. (“AT&T”) and Sprint Missouri, Inc. (“Sprint”) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, the Staff herein states that the amendment to the interconnection agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the amendment was filed with the Application. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange

telecommunications and interexchange telecommunications company; AT&T and Sprint are wireless service providers not certificated with the Commission.

4. None of the companies is delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying the PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the amendment to the interconnection agreement and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to it.

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

