

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

In the Matter of the Amendment No. 1 to the )  
Interconnection Agreement between MCImetro Access )  
Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon and Embarq ) File No. TK-2013-0362  
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink 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 January 22, 2013, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement with MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink states that the amendment complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. CenturyLink is a certificated Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company; MCIMetro is certificated as a Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Company and an Interexchange Telecommunications Company.

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.

4. The Companies are not delinquent in filing any annual reports, paying the PSC assessment, or remitting MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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