

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No.: **TO-2006-0234**

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Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date Filed: December 01, 2005

Staff Deadline: January 05, 2006

Party: **Steeleville Telephone Exchange (Steeleville)**

Type of Certification: None
 Basic Local
 Local (Restricted to Private Line)
 Local (No Restrictions)
 Interexchange

Party: **United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular)**

Type of Certification: None
 Basic Local
 Local (Restricted to Private Line)
 Local (No Restrictions)
 Interexchange

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one):

- Resale Agreement
- Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The parties submitted the proposed Agreement 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 for approval.

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- No applications to intervene have been filed. Intervention Deadline:

December 27, 2005

- The Agreement has been signed by both Parties.
- Staff does not have a serially numbered copy of the Agreement and recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.
- Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.

Annual report & Assessment Information

- The Parties are not delinquent in filing annual reports or paying the PSC assessments.
- The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition 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:

- There is an attachment to this Appendix indicating additional recommendations or special considerations. See below.

Attachment:

1. The Parties have submitted this negotiated Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and characterized the Agreement as a "Traffic Termination Agreement." Staff can find no reference in Section 252 to "Traffic Termination Agreement." Consequently, Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order approving a wireless "Interconnection Agreement" and not an Order approving a "Traffic Termination Agreement."
2. The Interconnection Agreement (IA) includes rate schedules addressing compensation for traffic transited by means of networks of third party telecommunications providers.
3. The Parties represent that a confidential concurrent agreement resolves all past claims related to traffic exchanged between the Parties (Section 5.4).