

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

In the matter of the Relative Use Factor (RUF))
Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio)
Services (CMRS) Interconnection)
Agreement between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC)
dba CenturyLink, Spectra Communications Group, LLC)
dba CenturyLink and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC)
and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Affiliates)
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

TK-2017-0090

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On October 5, 2016, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CenturyLink”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a commercial mobile radio services (“CMRS”) interconnection agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS (“New Cingular”) 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; New Cingular is a wireless carrier not certificated with the Commission.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an amendment to 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 Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.

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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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 5th day of October, 2016.

