

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

In the Matter of the Application of Peace)	
Valle Telephone Company for Approval of a)	
Traffic Termination Agreement under the)	Case No. TO-2005-0322
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

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 so-called “Traffic Termination Agreement” between Peace Valley Telephone Company and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. as agent and General Partner for WirelessCo, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (the “Agreement”), filed by Peace Valley 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.

3. Staff further states that 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 “Traffic Termination Agreement.”

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,

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