

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re: ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the)
Commercial Mobile Radio Services)
Interconnection Agreement between Spectra)
Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a)
CenturyLink and United States Cellular)
Corporation Pursuant to Sections 251 and)
252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2013-0384

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION A PARTY

Issue Date: February 8, 2013

Effective Date: February 8, 2013

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, United States Cellular Corporation (“USCC”), as a party to this proceeding.

On February 1, 2013, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the commercial mobile radio services interconnection agreement with USCC under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement 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.

Although USCC is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because USCC is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add USCC as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. United States Cellular Corporation is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than February 25, 2013, with:

Shelley Brueggemann, Acting Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than March 8, 2013.

5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shelley Brueggemann".

Shelley Brueggemann
Acting Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of February, 2013.