

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

In the Matter of the Application of Comcast	)	
Phone, LLC for Approval of its Interconnection	)	<b><u>Case No. TK-2006-0372</u></b>
Agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a	)	
Verizon Wireless	)	

**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: May 24, 2006

Effective Date: June 3, 2006

This order approves the Interconnection Agreement executed by the parties and filed by Comcast Phone, LLC.

On March 29, 2006, Comcast Phone, LLC (Comcast Phone) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon). The Agreement was filed pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.<sup>1</sup> The Agreement will allow for interconnection and reciprocal compensation for commercial mobile radio service between Comcast Phone and Verizon. Comcast Phone is a competitive local exchange carrier in Missouri and subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Verizon is a provider of Commercial Mobile Radio Service in Missouri, pursuant to licenses issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Although Verizon is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On March 31, 2006, the Commission issued an order making Verizon a party in this case

---

<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 251, *et seq.*

and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than April 20, 2006. No request for a hearing was filed.

The Staff of the Commission filed a memorandum and recommendation on April 28, 2006, recommending that the Commission approve the Agreement and order Comcast Phone to submit its delinquent annual report for the calendar year 2005. On May 2, 2006, the Commission issued its order requiring Comcast Phone to file its annual report and ordering Staff to notify the Commission in this docket once the annual report was received. On May 18, 2006, Staff filed notice that the delinquent annual report had been received.

### **Discussion**

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an agreement if it finds that the agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The Staff memorandum recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest. Staff recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any further amendments to the Commission for approval.

### **Findings of Fact**

The Missouri Public Service Commission, having considered all of the verified pleadings filed in this docket, which are hereby admitted into evidence, makes the following findings of fact.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission concludes that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The Commission finds that approval of the Agreement shall be conditioned upon the parties submitting any amendments to the Commission for approval pursuant to the procedure set out below.

### **Amendment Procedure**

The Commission has a duty to review all resale and interconnection agreements, whether arrived at through negotiation or arbitration, as mandated by the Act.<sup>2</sup> In order for the Commission's role of review and approval to be effective, the Commission must also review and approve or recognize amendments to these agreements. The Commission has a further duty to make a copy of every resale and interconnection agreement available for public inspection.<sup>3</sup> This duty is in keeping with the Commission's practice under its own rules of requiring telecommunications companies to keep their rate schedules on file with the Commission.<sup>4</sup>

The parties to each resale or interconnection agreement must maintain a complete and current copy of the agreement, together with all amendments, in the Commission's offices. Any proposed amendment must be submitted pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.513(6).

---

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252.

<sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(h).

<sup>4</sup> 4 CSR 240-3.545.

### **Conclusions of Law**

The Missouri Public Service Commission has arrived at the following conclusions of law.

The Commission, under the provisions of Section 252(e)(1) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996,<sup>5</sup> is required to review negotiated interconnection agreements. It may only reject a negotiated agreement upon a finding that its implementation would be discriminatory to a nonparty or inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.<sup>6</sup> Based upon its review of the Agreement between Comcast Phone and Verizon and its findings of fact, the Commission concludes that the Agreement is neither discriminatory nor inconsistent with the public interest and shall be approved.

The Commission notes that prior to providing telecommunications services in Missouri, a party shall possess the following: (1) an interconnection agreement approved by the Commission; (2) except for wireless providers, a certificate of service authority from the Commission to provide interexchange or basic local telecommunications services; and (3) except for wireless providers, a tariff approved by the Commission.

#### **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Interconnection Agreement between Comcast Phone, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, filed on March 29, 2006, is approved.
2. Any changes or amendments to this Agreement shall be submitted in compliance with 4 CSR 240-3.513(6).

---

<sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1).

<sup>6</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

3. This order shall become effective on June 3, 2006.
4. This case may be closed on June 4, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 24th day of May, 2006.