

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Resale Forbearance Amendment)
to the Interconnection Agreement Between Comcast)
Phone of Missouri, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone)
and Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink)
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2021-0262

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: April 2, 2021

Effective Date: May 2, 2021

This order approves an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink).

On February 22, 2021, CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Comcast Phone of Missouri, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Comcast Digital Phone is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and an interexchange carrier.

Although Comcast Digital Phone is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On March 1, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Comcast Digital Phone a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than March 16, 2021. No requests for hearing were filed.

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.

On March 29, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff 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.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The amendments to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Comcast Digital Phone, filed on February 22, 2021, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on May 2, 2021.
3. This file may be closed on May 3, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of April, 2021.