# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of an )	
Interconnection Agreement by and Between Charter )	
Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC and Consolidated )	
Communications of Missouri Company d/b/a	
Consolidated Communications (Missouri Company) )	File No. TK-2022-0097
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of Communications)	
Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications)	
Act of 1996	

#### ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: November 10, 2021 Effective Date: December 10, 2021

This order approves an Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC.

On October 1, 2021, Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between itself and Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company (Consolidated Communications) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Charter Fiberlink – Missouri, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and an interexchange carrier. Consolidated Communications is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier.

Although Consolidated Communications is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On October 12, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Consolidated Communications a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than October 27, 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 November 9, 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 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 ORDERS THAT:

- The Interconnection Agreement between Charter Fiberlink Missouri, LLC and Consolidated Communications, filed on October 1, 2021, is approved.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on December 10, 2021.
  - 3. This file may be closed on December 11, 2021.



# BY THE COMMISSION

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

# STATE OF MISSOURI

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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#### File/Case No. TK-2022-0097

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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