

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of a Traffic)
Exchange Agreement by and between CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC and Spectra Communications Group,) **File No. TO-2013-0041**
LLC and Qwest Communications Company, LLC d/b/a)
CenturyLink QCC Pursuant to sections 251 and 252 of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On August 1, 2012, CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C and Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C. (jointly “CenturyTel”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) its application for approval of a traffic exchange agreement executed between it and Qwest Communications Company, L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyLink QCC (“QCC”).

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the traffic exchange agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the Application. CenturyTel is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and QCC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company.

4. Neither company is delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Traffic Exchange Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 16th day of August, 2012.

