

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

In the Matter of Embarq Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Application for Competitive Classification)	Case No. TO-2008-0147
Under Section 392.245.5 RSMo 2005)	Tariff File No. YI-2008-0303

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On November 6, 2007, Embarq Missouri, Inc., filed its Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo. In its application, Embarq requests that the Commission classify all of its residential services, other than exchange access service, as competitive for the following exchanges: (a) Ft. Leonard Wood, (b) Henrietta, (c) Holt, (d) Lone Jack, (e) St. Robert, and (f) Waynesville. In addition, Embarq requested that the Commission classify all of its business services, other than exchange access service, as competitive for the following exchanges: (a) Lone Jack, (b) Odessa, (c) Pleasant Hill, and (d) Warrensburg. Embarq also submitted a proposed revised tariff sheet listing these new proposed competitive classifications. The tariff sheet bears a proposed effective date of December 6, 2007.

2. On November 16, 2007, Embarq amended its application by deleting its request for competitive classification of the Holt exchange. Embarq submitted a substitute tariff sheet reflecting this amendment. On November 19, Embarq amended its application by deleting its request for competitive classification of the Henrietta, Holt, Lone Jack, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges. Embarq also submitted a substitute tariff sheet reflecting this amendment.

3. The Commission directed the Staff to investigate this matter and to file any objections to and a verified recommendation regarding this matter no later than November 19, 2007.

4. In the attached Memorandum labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that there are at least two (2) qualifying carriers serving Embarq's Ft. Leonard Wood, St. Robert, and Waynesville exchanges who are not affiliated with Embarq but provide basic local phone service to at least two residential customers located within those exchanges. The competing carriers have local numbers available for use by residential customers in those exchanges. In addition, the Staff states that there are at least two (2) qualifying carriers serving Embarq's Warrensburg exchange who are not affiliated with Embarq but provide local phone service to business customers in these exchanges. The Staff notes that the wireline competitor has only one business customer in the Warrensburg exchange. The Staff notes that the wireless carrier in the Warrensburg exchange does not distinguish between business and residential customers. The competing carriers have local numbers available for use by business customers in those exchanges.

WHEREFORE, the Staff has no objection to and recommends (1) competitive classification for Embarq's residential services, other than exchange access service, in the Ft. Leonard Wood, St. Robert, and Waynesville exchanges, and (2) competitive classification for Embarq's business services, other than exchange access service, in the Warrensburg exchange. Accordingly, the Staff recommends the Commission allow the substituted tariff sheet to go into effect.

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 19th day of November 2007.

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