

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

In the Matter of the Adoption of the Interconnection	)	
Agreement between Citizens Telephone Company	)	
of Higginsville Missouri d/b/a Green Hills	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2024-0227</u></b>
Communications (CTC) and Time Warner Cable	)	
Information Services (Missouri) d/b/a Time Warner	)	
Cable (TWCIS)	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its *Recommendation* as follows:

1. On October 27, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville Missouri d/b/a Green Hills Communications (“CTC”) filed with the Public Service Commission an application for approval of an adoption of the Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) between itself and Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC (“Charter”) by Time Warner Cable Information Services (Missouri) LLC d/b/a Time Warner Cable (“TWCIS”) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. On November 16, 2021, the Commission approved the Agreement between CTC and Charter in Case No. IK-2022-0108.

2. On February 15, 2024, the Commission ordered TWCIS to be made a party to the case. The Commission also ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing no later than March 1, 2024. Additionally, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation, or a status report regarding when Staff anticipates filing its recommendation, no later than March 16, 2024.

3. 47 USC § 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only 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.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Adoption Agreement to the Interconnection Agreement approved in Case No. IK-2022-0108 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 Adoption Agreement and the Interconnection Agreement was filed with the Application. CTC is an incumbent local exchange carrier. TWCIS is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, to all counsel of record.

**/s Ron Irving**