BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application Interconnection Agreement) and Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between) MoKan Dial, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, LLC,) Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

) FILE NO. CK-2025-0200

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On January 7, 2025, Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and MoKan Dial, Inc. ("MoKan") under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On January 28, 2025, the Commission ordered MoKan be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than February 12, 2025, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by February 27, 2025.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 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 Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Interconnection Agreement was filed with the Application. Level 3 is a

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competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier. MoKan is an incumbent local exchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. Neither Level 3 or MoKan are delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

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 copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 27th day of February, 2025.

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