

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

In the Matter of the Application of Teleport
Communications America, LLC for Approval of an
Interconnection Agreement Adoption with Kingdom
Telephone Company

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING
INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING
KINGDOM TELEPHONE COMPANY A PARTY**

Issue Date: February 27, 2020

Effective Date: February 27, 2020

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Kingdom Telephone Company, as a party to this proceeding.

On February 24, 2020, Teleport Communications America, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an adoption of the interconnection agreement between Kingdom Telephone Company and Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Teleport Communications America, LLC states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. Teleport Communications America, LLC requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Kingdom Telephone Company is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Kingdom Telephone Company is a necessary party to a

full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Kingdom Telephone Company as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Kingdom Telephone Company is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than March 13, 2020, with:

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than March 28, 2020.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

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 27th day of February, 2020.

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 27th day of February 2020.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 27, 2020

File/Case No. LK-2020-0254

**Missouri Public Service
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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**

Distributed to all Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.