

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

In the matter of the Application of)
Spectra Communications Group, LLC)
for approval of its Interconnection and)
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement with)
WWC License LLC under 47 U.S.C. § 252.) Case No. _____

**APPLICATION OF SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC
FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL
COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH WWC LICENSE LLC**

COMES NOW Spectra Communications Group, LLC (“Spectra”) and hereby applies for approval by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") of the accompanying Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement voluntarily entered into by Spectra and WWC License LLC (“Western Wireless”), pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

1. Spectra is a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in Missouri, as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which was filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference. Spectra's principle place of business is 1151 CenturyTel Drive, Wentzville, Missouri 63885.

2. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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3. Spectra has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

In support of this Application, Spectra states the following:

I. RESALE AGREEMENT REACHED

Spectra presents to this Commission for approval the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Between Spectra Communications Group, LLC and WWC License LLC (“Agreement”) that was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Act. Following good faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an agreement, the parties signed the Agreement on February 20, 2003, and hereby file the Agreement, together with two attachments incorporated therein. There are no outstanding issues between Spectra and Western Wireless that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Spectra seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Act. Spectra believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes interconnectivity and diversity in providers, and will increase customer choices for telecommunications services.

Spectra respectfully requests that the Commission grant approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiation and compromise between Spectra and Western Wireless.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act, which provides:

(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

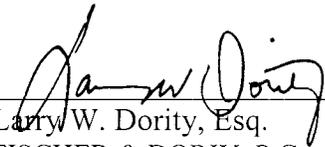
- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED. – Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION. – The State Commission may only reject –
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that –
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

IV. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri Senate Bill 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

WHEREFORE, Spectra Communications Group, LLC respectfully requests the Commission to enter an Order approving its Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement with WWC License LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



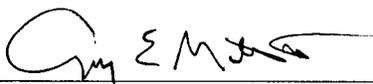
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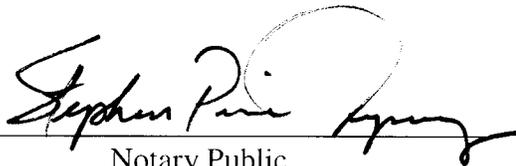
STATE OF LOUISIANA)
) ss.
PARISH OF OUACHITA)

Guy Miller, being first duly sworn, on his oath and in his capacity as Director of Carrier Relations, CenturyTel, states that he is authorized to make this verification on behalf of Spectra Communications Group, LLC; that he has knowledge of the matters stated in this Application; and that said matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Guy Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of February, 2003.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: AT DEATH

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this ~~27th~~ day of February, 2003, to:

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