BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement By and Between Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone, Inc. d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services and Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996	))))))	**File No. TK-2017-0084**

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING GREEN HILLS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES A PARTY

Issue Date: September 20, 2016 Effective Date: September 20, 2016

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, Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone, Inc., d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services ("Green Hills"), as a party to this proceeding.

On September 15, 2016, Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement with Green Hills under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink 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 the public interest, convenient and necessary, and is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although Green Hills is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Green Hills is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Green Hills 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. 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. Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone, Inc., d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services 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 October 5, 2016, with:

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

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS).

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 October 20, 2016.

[1] 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

5. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of September, 2016.