

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

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyLink for)
Approval of the Carrier Partner for Interconnected)
VoIP Provider Amendment to the Traffic Exchange)
Agreement between Level 3 Communications, LLC) **File No. TK-2017-0122**
and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink)
and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a)
CenturyLink Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252)
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING
INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS A PARTY**

Issue Date: October 28, 2016

Effective Date: October 28, 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 traffic exchange agreement, Level 3 Communications, LLC (“Level 3”), as a party to this proceeding.

On October 25, 2016, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of the carrier partner for interconnected VoIP provider amendment to the traffic exchange agreement with Level 3 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 Level 3 is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Level 3 is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Level 3 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. Level 3 Communications, LLC 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 November 14, 2016, with:

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

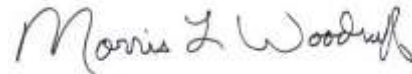
Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS).

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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 November 28, 2016.

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 28th day of October, 2016.