

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Application for Approval of a Resale Forbearance )  
Amendment Between Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a )  
CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Kansas )  
d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of ) Docket No.  
Southcentral Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink, and United )  
Telephone Company of Eastern Kansas d/b/a )  
CenturyLink and Metropolitan Telecommunications )  
of Kansas Inc. d/b/a MetTel Pursuant to the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A  
RESALE FORBEARANCE AMENDMENT**

COMES NOW, Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Southcentral Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink, and United Telephone Company of Eastern Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (hereinafter connectively “CenturyLink”) and files this Application for Approval of a Resale Forbearance Amendment (“Amendment”) between CenturyLink and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Kansas Inc. d/b/a MetTel (“Metropolitan”) pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“the Act”). In support of its Application, CenturyLink states the following:

**I. AMENDMENT**

CenturyLink presents to the Commission the Amendment for approval pursuant to the terms of the Act. The implementation of the Amendment complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Act because the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Amendment promotes diversity in providers and increases customer choice for telecommunications services. The negotiated and executed Amendment is also consistent with Kansas regulatory statutes.

CenturyLink and Metropolitan entered into the Interconnection Agreement which was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 10-UTDT-272-IAT on November 4, 2009.

## **II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Act. The Amendment is bilateral, reached as a result of negotiation and compromise between the parties. There are no outstanding issues involving the limited subject matter of the Amendment that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration. CenturyLink and CLEC do not believe a docket or intervention by other parties is necessary or appropriate.

CenturyLink requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of the Amendment, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

## **III. STANDARD OF REVIEW**

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

(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

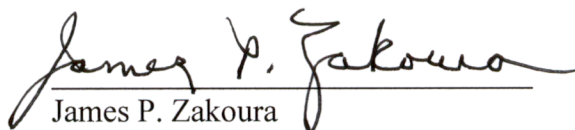
(ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.



**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON    )

I, James P. Zakoura, being of lawful age and duly sworn, state that I have read the above Application for Approval of a Resale Forbearance Amendment and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
James P. Zakoura

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of October 2022.

  
Notary Public

