



## STATE OF ALABAMA

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JOHN A. GARNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET U-5299

Hargray of Alabama, Inc.'s Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement between Gulf Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Alabama), LLC pursuant to §251 and §252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

### ORDER ON JOINT MOTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By filing received December 16, 2015, Petitioners Gulf Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Alabama), LLC filed for approval of an Interconnection Agreement Pursuant to §251 and §252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Both parties represented that to the best of their knowledge said agreement did not discriminate against any other telecommunications carriers and that the agreement was consistent with the public interest. Since the agreement had been reached through negotiation and no other parties would be adversely affected, the parties asserted that the agreement could be approved without the need for a hearing.

Pursuant to §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated interconnection agreements. The Act provides that the Commission may only reject such agreements if it finds that an agreement or any portion thereof discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or the implementation of such agreement or portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. After reviewing the negotiated interconnection agreement between Gulf Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Alabama), LLC in the manner prescribed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission found that the agreement was consistent with the

public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission further found that the agreement did not discriminate in any manner against any telecommunications carriers who were not parties to the agreement. The Commission entered its order approving the Interconnection Agreement between Gulf Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Alabama), LLC in Docket U-5039 on February 2, 2016.

By filing received on May 22, 2019, Hargray of Alabama, Inc. seeks to adopt the Interconnection Agreement between Gulf Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Alabama), LLC which was approved by the Commission pursuant to Order entered on February 2, 2016 in Docket U-5039. Said request by Hargray of Alabama, Inc. is made pursuant to the Commission's Telephone Rule T-27 and §252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Said request is, therefore, due to be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the request of Hargray of Alabama, Inc. to adopt and opt-into the provision of the Interconnection Agreement between Gulf Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Alabama), LLC approved by the Commission on February 2, 2016 in Docket U-5039, is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DATED at Montgomery, Alabama, this 9th day of July, 2019.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President



Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy



Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary



Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr., Commissioner