



STATE OF ALABAMA

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JOHN A. GARNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET U-5365

Interconnection Agreement between TDS Telecommunications Corporation (Butler Telephone Company, Inc., Oakman Telephone Company, Inc. and Peoples Telephone Company, Inc) and Level 3 Communications, LLC pursuant to §251 and §252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ORDER ON JOINT MOTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By filing received April 2, 2021, Petitioners TDS Telecommunications Corporation, on behalf of Butler Telephone Company, Inc., Oakman Telephone Company, Inc. and Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. (hereafter referred to as TDS Telecommunications Corporation) and Level 3 Communications, LLC filed for approval of an Interconnection Agreement Pursuant to §251 and §252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Both parties represent that to the best of their knowledge this agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carriers and that this agreement is consistent with the public interest. Since this agreement has been reached through negotiation and no other parties would be adversely affected, the parties assert that this agreement can 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 agreement between TDS Telecommunications Corporation and Level 3 Communications, LLC within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the 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. Having reviewed the negotiated interconnection agreement in the manner prescribed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, we find that the agreement is consistent with the public interest,

convenience, and necessity. We further find that the agreement does not discriminate in any manner against any telecommunications carriers who are not parties to the agreement. Accordingly, it appears that the Commission can approve the agreement without the necessity of a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Interconnection Agreement between TDS Telecommunications Corporation and Level 3 Communications, LLC is hereby approved.

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

DATED at Montgomery, Alabama, this 4th day of May, 2021.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President



Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner



Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy



Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary