

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern )  
Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for ) **File No. IK-2013-0393**  
Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection )  
Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )  
With United States Cellular Corporation )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On February 8, 2013, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement executed between it and United States Cellular Corporation.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. AT&T is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and is certificated with the Commission as a local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company. United States Cellular Corporation is a wireless telecommunications carrier not regulated by the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

