

**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)	
Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection)	<u>File No. IK-2023-0426</u>
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On June 16, 2023, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri"), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of an Amendment to a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement* ("Agreement") between itself and PNG Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications ("PNG"), under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On June 23, 2023, the Commission ordered PNG be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than July 8, 2023, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by July 23, 2023.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only 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.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience

or necessity. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the Application. AT&T Missouri is an incumbent local exchange carrier and is registered to provide VoIP service. PNG is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. Neither AT&T Missouri nor PNG are delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 10th day of July, 2023.

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