

# 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 ) **File No. IK-2023-0426**  
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of )  
1996 )

## ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: July 14, 2023

Effective Date: August 13, 2023

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between the parties filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

On June 16, 2023, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to their negotiated Agreement with PNG Telecommunications, Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri is an incumbent local exchange carrier and is registered to provide IVoIP service. PNG Telecommunications, Inc. is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although PNG Telecommunications, Inc. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On June 23, 2023, the Commission issued an order making PNG Telecommunications, Inc. a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than July 8, 2023. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On July 10, 2023, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement as amended be approved and notes that the Agreement as amended meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the Office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 60 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The amendment to the Agreement between AT&T Missouri and PNG Telecommunications, Inc., filed on June 16, 2023, is approved.
2. The pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) are waived.
3. This order shall become effective on August 13, 2023.
4. This file may be closed on August 14, 2023.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.**



*Nancy Dippell*

**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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