

**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 Interconnection Agreement Under the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**File No. IK-2023-0107**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On September 19, 2022, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed with the Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Teleport Communications America, LLC, under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 47 USC 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.

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. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Teleport Communications America, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

**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 a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Ron Irving**