

# 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 )  
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of )  
1996 )

**File No. IK-2023-0162**

## ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: January 4, 2023

Effective Date: February 3, 2023

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

On November 18, 2022, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Talk America, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC). Talk America, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) and as an interexchange carrier (IXC).

Although Talk America, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On November 22, 2022, the Commission issued an order making Talk America, LLC a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than December 7, 2022. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection 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 December 22, 2022, 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 Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Missouri and Talk America, LLC, filed on November 18, 2022, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on February 3, 2023.
3. This file may be closed on February 4, 2023.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**January 4, 2023**

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

***Sincerely,***



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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