

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

In the Matter of Approval of the Amendment)
to Interconnection Agreement between Windstream)
Missouri, Inc. and AT&T Communications of the)
Southwest, Inc., Pursuant to Section 252(e) of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. IK-2011-0388

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On June 6, 2011, Windstream Missouri, Inc. (the Company) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement executed between it and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

2. On June 15, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Making AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. a Party, in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.

3. 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.

4. In the attached Memorandum, Staff states that the Amendment to 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.

5. The Company is not delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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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 12th day of July, 2011.

