

**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-2018-0272

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On April 4, 2018, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement*.
2. 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.
3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby 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. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the *Application*. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Talk America, LLC, is certificated with the Commission under its former name, Talk America, Inc., 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 in 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 16th day of April, 2018, to all counsel of record.

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