

**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)	Case No. IK-2009-0136
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. On October 15, 2008, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri") filed with the Commission an Application seeking approval of an amendment to AT&T Missouri's interconnection agreement with CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CenturyTel Solutions").

2. On October 24, 2008, the Commission issued an order that, among other things, made CenturyTel Solutions a party to this case and directed the Staff to file a recommendation concerning this matter no later than November 24, 2008.

3. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated interconnection agreement (or any portion thereof) if it finds that the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

4. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff states that the agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the amendment pursuant to the Act, and directing the parties to submit any future modifications or amendments.

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 17th day of November 2008.

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