

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

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| In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell | ) |                                     |
| Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for            | ) | <b><u>File No. IK-2022-0267</u></b> |
| Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Under        | ) |                                     |
| the Telecommunications Act of 1996                    | ) |                                     |

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On March 31, 2022, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with E. Ritter Communications Holdings, LLC* between itself and E. Ritter Communications Holdings, LLC.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) 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 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*. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. E. Ritter Communications Holdings, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Ron Irving**