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 Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

File No. IK-2023-0019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On July 13, 2022, 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 with Fidelity Cablevision Inc.; Fidelity Communication Services III, Inc.; and FidelityLink, LLC* between itself and Fidelity Cablevision Inc.; Fidelity Communications Services III, Inc.; and FidelityLink, 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. Fidelity Communications Services III, Inc; and FidelityLink, LLC are no longer certificated with the Commission. Fidelity Cablevision Inc.

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is now recognized by the Commission as Fidelity Cablevision LLC d/b/a Fidelity Communications and 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,

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>

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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 17th day of August, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>