

**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	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2023-0356</u></b>
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act	)	
of 1996	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On April 13, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and CBTS Technology Solutions, L.L.C. (“CBTS”), under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On May 10, 2023, the Commission ordered CBTS be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than May 25, 2023, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by June 9, 2023.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2) (1996) 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.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party 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 and is registered to provide IVolP service. CBTS is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and is registered to provide IVolP service. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. AT&T Missouri and CBTS are not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**