

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

In the Matter of the Application for	)	
Approval of an Amendment to an	)	
Interconnection Agreement By and	)	
Between Southwestern Bell Telephone,	)	Case No. _____
L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri and Birch	)	
Telecom of Missouri, Inc., and Ionex	)	
Communications, Inc.	)	

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUPERSEDING CERTAIN INTERCARRIER
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS**

AT&T Missouri,¹ pursuant to Commission Rule 3.513 (4 CSR 240-3.513(6)(C)), respectfully submits the attached amendment to the present interconnection agreement between AT&T Missouri and Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. and Ionex Communications, Inc. (collectively, "Birch"), and further requests that the Commission approve the amendment. The amendment is entitled "Amendment Superseding Certain Intercarrier Compensation Provisions." In support of this Application, AT&T Missouri states that:

1. AT&T Missouri is a Texas limited partnership² duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri,³ with its principal Missouri office at One AT&T Center, Room 3520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. AT&T Missouri is authorized to do business in Missouri and its

¹ Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri").

² In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G), a copy of the Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. partnership agreement was filed with the Commission on October 15, 2003. See, In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, for Review and Reversal of North American Number Plan Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources, Case No. TO-2004-0170.

³ In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G), a copy of the certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State certifying that Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. is a foreign limited partnership duly authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri was filed with the Commission on January 7, 2002. See, In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to Transfer Property and Ownership of Stock Pursuant to Section 392.300, RSMo., Case No. TO-2002-185.

fictitious name is duly registered with the Missouri Secretary of State.⁴ AT&T Missouri is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri, as each of those phrases is defined in Section 386.020, RSMo. 2000.

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions, and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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3. AT&T Missouri does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application.

4. AT&T Missouri does not have any annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

5. The Commission approved the present interconnection agreement between AT&T Missouri and Birch in its Order Approving Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement, entered on August 12, 2005, in Case No. TK-2006-0048. On October 25, 2005, the Commission entered its Order Approving Errata and Modifying Order Approving Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement,

⁴ In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G), a copy of the registration of the fictitious name "AT&T Missouri" was filed with the Commission on December 2, 2005. See, In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri for Review and Reversal of the North American Number Plan Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources, Case No. TO-2006-0247.

to correct rates that had been incorrectly shown in the interconnection agreement approved on August 12, 2005.

6. The purpose of the amendment submitted herewith is principally to effectuate compensation arrangements that take into consideration which of the parties provides the switching functions associated with the traffic being originated and/or terminated and whether the flow of traffic is balanced. To AT&T Missouri's knowledge, this type of interconnection agreement amendment has not previously been approved by the Commission. Consequently, AT&T Missouri submits the amendment pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.513(6)(C).

AT&T Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Amendment Superseding Certain Intercarrier Compensation Provisions negotiated between AT&T Missouri and Birch and submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P.
d/b/a AT&T MISSOURI

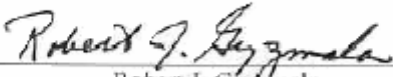
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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