

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Big River Telephone Company, LLC,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. TC-2012-0284
)	
SOUTHWESTERN BELL)	
TELEPHONE, L.P. d/b/a)	
AT&T MISSOURI)	
)	
Respondent.)	

BIG RIVER’S ANSWER TO AT&T MISSOURI’S COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Big River Telephone Company, LLC (“Big River”), and hereby files its Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Complaint of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T Missouri”):

1. Big River is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 1 of the Complaint, and therefore denies same.
2. Big River is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 2 of the Complaint, and therefore denies same.
3. Big River admits the allegations of paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
4. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 4 of the Complaint.
5. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
6. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
7. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 7 of the Complaint. Big River further states that the terms of the prior settlement agreement are confidential and not subject to disclosure.

8. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 8 of the Complaint. Big River further states that the terms of the prior settlement agreement are confidential and not subject to disclosure.

9. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 9 of the Complaint. Big River further states that the terms of the prior settlement agreement are confidential and not subject to disclosure.

10. Big River denies the allegations of paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

2. Big River's traffic is exempt from the access charges claimed by AT&T Missouri because the traffic is enhanced.

WHEREFORE, Big River prays this Commission to deny AT&T Missouri's Complaint and for such other relief as is just and reasonable.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY,
LLC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon all parties via e-mail on August 30, 2012.

/s/ Brian C. Howe
