

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

In Re: The Interconnection and)
Reciprocal Compensation Agreement)
between USCOC of Greater Missouri,)
LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular, and)
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a)
SBC Missouri Pursuant to Sections 251)
and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of)
1996.)

Case No. TK-2005-0431

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement between USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular, and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri.

2. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this Interconnection Agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

3. The Staff concludes that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and the Agreement is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. The Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval. The Staff further recommends that the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Interconnection Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. **TK-2005-0431**
Party: **USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular**

Type of Certification:

- ☒ None
- ☐ Basic Local
- ☐ Local (restricted to private line)
- ☐ Local (no restrictions)
- ☐ Interexchange

Party: **Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri**

- ☐ None
- ☒ Basic Local
- ☐ Local (restricted to private line)
- ☐ Local (no restrictions)
- ☒ Interexchange

From: Laura Wolfe, c/o Telecommunications Department

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Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: June 21, 2005

Date Filed: May 19, 2005

Staff Deadline: June 24, 2005

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one):

- ☐ Resale Agreement
- ☐ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- ☒ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act), USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a/ U.S. Cellular ("US Cellular") failed to include certificate of service indicating that the pleading was served on the General Counsel of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel. After being ordered to provide this documentation by the Commission on May 25, 2005, U.S. Cellular filed the certificate of service the following day, May 26, 2005.

Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and notes that the agreement includes terms, conditions, and rates for the transiting of traffic to and from a third-party provider that is not a party to the agreement. Staff believes the proposed Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

- ☒ Staff does not have a serially numbered copy of the Agreement and recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.
- ☐ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed.
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties.
- ☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.
- ☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.
- (☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:)

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations: ☐ Yes ☒ No