

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

In the Matter of the Application of AT&T)
Missouri for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement Under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TK-2008-0179

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On November 27, 2007, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of a an amendment to an interconnection agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, LLC under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement, or any portion thereof, if it finds that the agreement, or any portion thereof, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement, or portion, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the interconnection agreement amendment does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the interconnection agreement amendment pursuant to the Act, and direct the parties to submit any further modifications or amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 20th day of December 2007.

/s/ Shelley Syler Brueggemann

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

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Party: Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Missouri

Type of Carrier: Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
 Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
 Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

Party: MCI metro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C dba Verizon Access Transmission Services, L.L.C

Type of Carrier: Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
 Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
 Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

From: Walt Cecil
Telecommunications Department

William Voight 12/19/07
Utility Operations Division/Date

Shelley Syler Brueggemann 12/19/2007
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement or Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement

Date: December 19, 2007

Date Filed: November 27, 2007

Staff Deadline: December 28, 2007

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- Interconnection Agreement
- Amendment Not Previously Approved

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it 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.

- The Applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.
- Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items

- No applications to intervene have been filed. Intervention Deadline: December 18, 2007
- The Agreement or Amendment has been signed by both Parties.

Additional Recommendations or Special Considerations (if any):

Annual Report & Assessment Information

- The Parties are not delinquent in filing Annual Reports or paying PSC Assessments.
- A Party is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition that 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:

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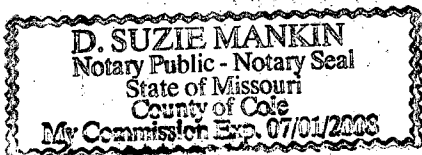
AFFIDAVIT OF WALT CECIL

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

Walt Cecil, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he participated in the preparation of the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Walt Cecil
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of December 2007.



Suzie Mankin
Notary Public