

**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)
Agreement Under the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

File No. TK-2018-0026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On July 25, 2017, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement negotiated between it and AT&T Corp. and Teleport Communications America, LLC ("AT&T Corp. and Teleport").

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection or resale agreement adopted by negotiation 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.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company. AT&T Corp. and Teleport are competitive local exchange and interexchange carriers.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

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 28th day of August, 2017.

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