# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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-2022-0322

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 20, 2022, 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 a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement* between itself and ACN Communications Services, LLC.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection 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. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. ACN Communications Services, LLC is an interexchange company and a competitive local exchange carrier.

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WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the *Application* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022, to all counsel of record.

#### <u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>