BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Application of TCG St. Louis, |) | |
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| Inc. for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement |) | |
| Amendment Under the Telecommunications Act of |) | Case No. TK-2008-0252 |
| 1996 |) | |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and for its Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On January 30, 2008, TCG St. Louis, Inc. ("TCG Saint Louis") filed with the Commission, an Application For Approval Of An Interconnection Agreement Amendment "by and between TCG St. Louis and AT&T Missouri." The Commission previously approved the underlying interconnection agreement in Case No. CK-2008-0111.
- 2. In an order issued January 31, 2008, the Commission, among other things, made Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri a party to this case and directed the Staff to file a memorandum concerning this matter by March 3, 2008.
- 3. Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") 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).
- 4. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the 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 issue an order approving the amendment pursuant to the Act, and directing the parties to submit any future 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 27th day of February 2008.

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