

**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) **File No. TK-2020-0041**
Of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement)
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On August 20, 2019, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T Missouri”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement executed between it and Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (“Consolidated Communications”).

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 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. Consolidated Communications is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company.

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

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 18th day of September, 2019, to all counsel of record.

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