

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of VCI Company)
for Approval of Its Interconnection Agreement with)
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T)
Missouri.)

Case No. CK-2006-0446

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING SOUTHWESTERN BELL
TELEPHONE, L.P., D/B/A AT&T MISSOURI, A PARTY

Issue Date: May 26, 2006

Effective Date: May 26, 2006

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, as a party to this proceeding.

On May 24, 2006, VCI Company filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with AT&T Missouri under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. VCI states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. VCI requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although AT&T Missouri is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because AT&T Missouri is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a

telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than June 15, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

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¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than June 26, 2006.

5. This order shall become effective on May 26, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of May, 2006.