

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Amendment to Interconnection)
Agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri and Preferred Long) **File No. IK-2024-0173**
Distance, Inc. d/b/a Telplex d/b/a Telplex)
Communications)

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT
TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: January 4, 2024

Effective Date: February 3, 2024

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between the parties filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

On November 22, 2023, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to their negotiated Agreement with Preferred Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a Telplex d/b/a Telplex Communications under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri is an incumbent local exchange carrier and voice over internet protocol provider. Telplex Communications is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although Telplex Communications is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On November 29, 2023, the Commission issued an order making Telplex Communications a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than December 14, 2023. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an Agreement if it

finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On December 26, 2023, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement as amended be approved and notes that the Agreement as amended meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the Office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 60 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The amendment to the Agreement between AT&T Missouri and Telplex Communications, filed on November 22, 2023, is approved.
2. The pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) are waived.
3. This order shall become effective on February 3, 2024.
4. This file may be closed on February 4, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of January, 2024.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 4th day of January 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 4, 2024

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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