# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell ) Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Missouri for ) Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection ) Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

#### File No. IK-2025-0061

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND ADDING A PARTY

Issue Date: August 30, 2024 Effective Date: August 30, 2024

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the Interconnection Agreement, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), as a party to this proceeding.

On August 23, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an Amendment (Amendment) to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) with Level 3 under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). AT&T Missouri stated that there are no unresolved issues and that the Amendment complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenient and necessary, and is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. AT&T Missouri has also requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement for good cause shown.

Although Level 3 is a party to the Amendment, it did not join in the application. Because Level 3 is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Level 3 as a party to this case. The Act provides that the 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.<sup>1</sup> Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not acted to approve or reject an Agreement within 90 days after submission, the Agreement shall be deemed approved. That date is November 21, 2024.

The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 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. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) will be directed to provide a recommendation.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. Level 3 is made a party to this case.

3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than September 16, 2024.

4. Staff shall file a recommendation, or a status report regarding when Staff anticipates filing its recommendation, no later than October 2, 2024.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

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

Sincerely,

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

Distributed to all Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies.

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