# 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-2025-0059

## ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: October 22, 2024 Effective Date: November 1, 2024 This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties, which was filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a

AT&T Missouri.

On August 23, 2024, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to their negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a LUMEN Technologies (CenturyLink) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). AT&T Missouri is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier and a registered Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol provider. CenturyLink is certified with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and is a registered Voice over Internet Protocol provider.

Although CenturyLink is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On August 30, 2024, the Commission issued an order making CenturyLink a party in this case and directed any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than September 16, 2024. No requests for hearing were filed. Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection 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 September 27, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommended that the Agreement as amended be approved and noted 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 is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

So that the parties may proceed under the terms of the Agreement without further delay, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Missouri and CenturyLink, filed on August 23, 2024, is approved.

2. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2024.

3. This file may be closed on November 2, 2024.

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**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 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

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