

# 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 of an Amendment to an Interconnection ) **File No. IK-2021-0207**  
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act )  
of 1996 )

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING FUSION CLOUD SERVICES, LLC AND LINGO COMMUNICATIONS MIDWEST, LLC A PARTY

Issue Date: January 12, 2021

Effective Date: January 12, 2021

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other parties to the interconnection agreement, Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. (now known as Fusion Cloud Services, LLC) and Ionex Communications, Inc. (now known as Lingo Communications Midwest, LLC) as parties to this proceeding.

On January 7, 2021, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Fusion Cloud Services, LLC and Lingo Communications Midwest, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement 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.

Although Fusion Cloud Services, LLC and Lingo Communications Midwest, LLC are parties to the agreement, they did not join in the application. Because Fusion Cloud Services, LLC and Lingo Communications Midwest, LLC are necessary parties to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Fusion Cloud Services, LLC and Lingo Communications Midwest, LLC as parties 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.<sup>1</sup> 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. 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 COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Fusion Cloud Services, LLC and Lingo Communications Midwest, LLC are made parties to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than January 27, 2021, with:

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS).

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than February 11, 2021.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

**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 day of 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**January 12, 2021**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

**Distributed to all Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies.**

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Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.