

**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,)	<u>Case No. IK-2010-0007</u>
For Approval of an Amendment to an)	
Interconnection Agreement Under the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Staff Recommendation as follows:

1. On July 6, 2009, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri or the Company) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission) AT&T Missouri's Application For Approval Of An Amendment To An Interconnection Agreement (Application), in which AT&T seeks approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement that was previously executed by the Company and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (New Cingular).

2. On July 7, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Making New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC a Party, directing notice be sent to interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies, joining New Cingular as party to the case, setting an intervention deadline, and directing Staff to file a memorandum regarding AT&T Missouri's Application by August 6, 2009.

3. The statutory standard for review of an interconnection and resale agreement can be found in Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which states that an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation shall be submitted for approval to the state commission, but that the state commission may only reject such agreement if it discriminates

against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 42 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2).

4. In the attached memorandum, labeled Appendix A, Staff states that the Interconnection Agreement, as amended, does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to the Interconnection Agreement and that the Interconnection Agreement, as amended, is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

5. AT&T Missouri is not delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or additional amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of July, 2009.

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