

**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)	<u>File No. IK-2012-0439</u>
Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement)	
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On June 25, 2012, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement executed between it and Alltel Communications, LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless").

2. On June 26, 2012, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline and Making Verizon Wireless a Party, in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.

3. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the Application.

AT&T Missouri is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and Verizon Wireless is a wireless carrier.

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 amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 2nd day of July, 2012.

