

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Application of Southwestern Bell	)	
Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for	)	<b><u>File No. IK-2021-0210</u></b>
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 and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On January 8, 2021, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Fusion Cloud Services, LLC f/k/a Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 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.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the negotiated 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 Agreement was filed with the Application. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange and interexchange carrier and is registered to provide IVolP service.

Fusion Cloud Services, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any further modifications or amendments to the 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

**/s/ Casi Aslin**

