

**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)	<u>File No. IK-2023-0233</u>
Agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission)	
Services LLC 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 18, 2023, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed with the Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Corp. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T filed the *Application* using the former name, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, which was changed by Order of the Commission on December 2, 2016 in Case No. LN-2017-0142.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only 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 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. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier and is registered to provide IVoIP service. MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Corp. is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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