

**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 Agreement Under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. IK-2019-0129

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On November 6, 2018, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) an application for approval of an amendment to a negotiated interconnection agreement between itself and Local Access, LLC (“Local Access”) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“the Act”).

2. AT&T is a local exchange carrier operating in Missouri. AT&T is a foreign corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. AT&T’s annual reports and assessments are not overdue.

3. Local Access is a competitive local and interexchange carrier in Missouri. Local Access is a foreign corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. Local Access’s annual reports and assessments are not overdue.

4. On November 13, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Making Local Access, LLC a Party*. The Commission made Local Access a party to the case, issued an intervention deadline of November 28, 2018, and ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than December 13, 2018.

5. No parties have filed to intervene in this matter.

6. Pursuant to Section 252 (e)(2) of the Act, 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, or necessity.

7. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T and Local Access 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*.

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

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 4th day of December, 2018.

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