

**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-2020-0209</u>
Agreement under the Telecommunications)	
Act of 1996 with Spectrotel, Inc.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On January 29, 2020, 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 Spectrotel, Inc. ("Spectrotel") 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. Spectrotel is a competitive local and interexchange carrier in Missouri. Spectrotel is a foreign corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. Spectrotel's annual reports and assessments are not overdue.

4. On February 11, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Making Spectrotel a Party*. The Commission made Spectrotel a party to the case, issued an intervention deadline of February 25, 2020, and ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than March 12, 2020.

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 Spectrotel does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.

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 27th day of February, 2020.

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