

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) **File No. IK-2021-0421**
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of)
1996)

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: August 2, 2021

Effective Date: September 1, 2021

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

On June 24, 2021, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

Although Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On July 1, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than July 16, 2021. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may

reject an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On July 26, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement as amended be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The application represents that the applicant has not had contact with the office of the Commission about any substantive issue connected to the filing within 60 days before filing the application. On the basis of that representation, for good cause shown, the Commission will waive application of the pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Missouri and Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC, filed on June 24, 2021, is approved.
2. The pre-filing notice requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) are waived.
3. This order shall become effective on September 1, 2021.
4. This file may be closed on September 2, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of August, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 2nd day of August, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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