

**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 with Chariton Valley Communications)
Corporation)

File No. IK-2020-0231

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and states as follows:

1. On February 3, 2020 AT&T filed an application to amend its interconnection agreement with Chariton Valley Communication Corporation. A copy of the proposed agreement was filed with the application. Although AT&T requests approval of an interconnection agreement amendment, the process for this approval is the same as the adoption of a new interconnection agreement.

2. The Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by March 7.

3. 47 USC 252(e)(2) 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.

4. Staff states that the interconnection agreement amendment does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity. AT&T is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier.

Chariton Valley Communication Corporation is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that copies of the foregoing have been electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 14th day of February, 2020.

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