

**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-2015-0187</u>
Agreement 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 February 6, 2015, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement executed between it and Matrix Telecom, Inc. ("Matrix"). In addition, it requested that the interconnection agreements between it and Excel Telecommunications and VarTec Telecom, both of which were acquired by Matrix and will operate under the amended agreement, be terminated.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that 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, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that 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. AT&T is certificated with the

Commission as an incumbent local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company. Matrix, VarTec Telecom and Excel Telecommunications are all competitive local and interexchange telecommunications companies certificated by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application, terminate the current agreements with VarTec Telecom and Excel Telecommunications and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

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 20th day of February, 2015.

