

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) **File No. IK-2017-0152**
for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection)
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: December 23, 2016

Effective Date: January 3, 2017

This order approves the adoption by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri) and Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC (Neutral Tandem) of an amendment to an interconnection agreement previously approved by the Commission.

Procedural History

On November 23, 2016, AT&T Missouri filed a letter notifying the Commission of AT&T Missouri and Neutral Tandem's desire to adopt previously-approved amendments to interconnection agreements between Earthlink Business, LLC and AT&T Missouri, and Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC and AT&T Missouri, approved by the Commission in Case No. IK-2017-0053 and IK-2017-0054, respectively, on September 22, 2016.

On November 29, 2016, the Commission issued an order directing notice of the adoption to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunication companies and making Neutral Tandem a party. The notice stated that any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so no later than December 14, 2016. No requests for hearing were filed.

On November 29, 2016, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission recommended that the Commission approve the application.

Findings of Fact

After reviewing the file, the Commission finds that AT&T Missouri and Neutral Tandem's desire to adopt the same terms and conditions of the amendments to the interconnection agreement between Earthlink Business, LLC and AT&T Missouri, and Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC and AT&T Missouri, approved by the Commission in Case No. IK-2017-0053 and IK-2017-0054, respectively, on September 22, 2016. AT&T Missouri did not object to the request and filed this notice of the adoption of the amendments to the interconnection agreement. No objections have been received.

Amendment Procedure

The Commission has a duty to review all resale and interconnection agreements, whether arrived at through negotiation or arbitration, as mandated by the Act.¹ In order for the Commission's role of review and approval to be effective, the Commission must also review and approve or recognize amendments to these agreements. The Commission has a further duty to make a copy of every resale and interconnection agreement available for public inspection.²

The parties to each resale or interconnection agreement must maintain a complete and current copy of the agreement, together with all amendments, in the Commission's offices. Any proposed amendment must be submitted pursuant to Commission rules 4 CSR 240-28.020 and 4 CSR 240-28.080.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252.

² 47 U.S.C. § 252(h).

Conclusions of Law

The adoption of the terms and conditions of a previously approved interconnection agreement is authorized by Section 252(i) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.³

Section 252(i) states:

(i) Availability to Other Telecommunications Carriers. –

A local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection, services, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.

Federal rule 51.809 (Rule 809) was promulgated to implement Section 252(i) of the Act. Rule 809 provides that the incumbent local exchange company must provide the interconnection, network elements, or services to a requesting telecommunications carrier that notifies the ILEC that it wishes to adopt the interconnection, network elements, or services from a Commission-approved interconnection agreement unless stated conditions are proven to the Commission. An ILEC can deny an adoption if it proves that (1) the cost of providing a particular interconnection, service, or element to the requesting telecommunications carriers is greater than the cost of providing it to the telecommunications carrier that originally negotiated the agreement, or (2) the provision of the particular interconnection, service, or element to the requesting carrier is not technically feasible.⁴ Commission rule 4 CSR 240-28.080 allows the Commission to approve the adoption or amendment of previously approved interconnection agreements.

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 251, *et seq.*

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 51.809(b).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Neutral Tandem - Missouri, LLC's adoption of the terms and conditions contained in the amendments of the interconnection agreement between Earthlink Business, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, is approved.
2. Neutral Tandem - Missouri, LLC's adoption of the terms and conditions contained in the amendments of the interconnection agreement between Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, is approved.
3. Any changes or amendments to this agreement shall be submitted in compliance with 4 CSR 240-28.020 and 4 CSR 240-28.080.
4. This order shall become effective on January 3, 2017.
5. This file may be closed on January 4, 2017.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of December, 2016.

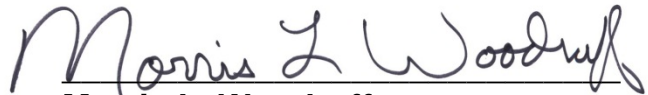
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 23rd day of December 2016.




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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