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-2012-03	<u>95</u>
For Approval of an Interconnection 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 May 24, 2012, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri or the Company) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement executed between it and Spectrotel, Inc.
- 2. On May 25, 2012, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Making Spectrotel, Inc. a Party, in which it directed Staff to file a memorandum regarding the Application.
- 3. 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.
- 4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein 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.
- AT&T Missouri is not delinquent in filing its annual report, or in paying its
 PSC assessment, or MoUSF and Relay Missouri surcharges.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent 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 1st day of June, 2012.