

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| 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-2018-0214</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 2, 2018, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri") filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment ("Amendment") to the negotiated interconnection agreement ("Agreement") with Wide Voice, LLC ("Wide Voice") under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri is a certificated Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company and a registered Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Service Company; Wide Voice is a certificated Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Company.

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 the agreement or the agreement's implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Amendment does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Amendment, and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Amendment.

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 parties and/or counsel of record on this 23rd day of February, 2018.

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