

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L. P., d/b/a)	Case No. TM-2007-0184
AT&T Missouri, for Authority to Transfer)	
Certain Assets.)	

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P. D/B/A AT&T MISSOURI'S
RESPONSE TO STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri") hereby submits its Response to Staff's Recommendation. ("Staff's Recommendation").

1. On November 8, 2006, AT&T Missouri filed an Application requesting approval to transfer certain assets located in St. Louis, Missouri. On November 14, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing ("Order") directing Staff to file a recommendation no later than December 4, 2006, and providing that any response to that recommendation should be filed no later than December 8, 2006.

2. Staff's Recommendation, filed on December 4, 2006, recommends that the Commission approve AT&T Missouri's Application with the following provisions: (1) require AT&T Missouri to provide the Staff all closing entries to record the sale of certain AT&T Missouri assets, by means of an AT&T Missouri filing to be made within sixty (60) days following the final closing of the transaction, and (2) hold that nothing in the Commission's order shall be considered a finding by the Commission of the value of these transactions for ratemaking purposes, and that the Commission reserves the right to consider the ratemaking treatment to be afforded these transactions in any later proceeding if AT&T Missouri becomes subject to rate of return regulation. Staff's Recommendation, pp. 1-2.

3. AT&T Missouri has no objection to the Commission's including the provisions suggested by Staff in its order approving AT&T Missouri's Application. Should the

Commission condition its order approving the Application upon AT&T Missouri's providing Staff all closing entries to record the sale by means of a filing to be made within sixty (60) days following the final closing of the transaction, AT&T Missouri will timely comply with such condition. Further, AT&T Missouri agrees that granting of the Application shall not be determinative of any ratemaking issue.

Wherefore, for all the foregoing reasons, AT&T Missouri respectfully requests the Commission to grant the Application on an expedited basis, on or before December 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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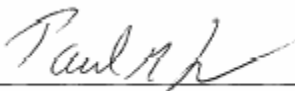
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