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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: Case No. TO-2000-406

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Williams
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of)
Missouri Telecom, Inc., for Approval of)
an Interconnection Agreement under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
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Case No. TO-2000-406

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Missouri Telecom, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), filed on January 5, 2000 as supplemented by filing made January 19, 2000, with the pages numbered in the lower right hand corner.

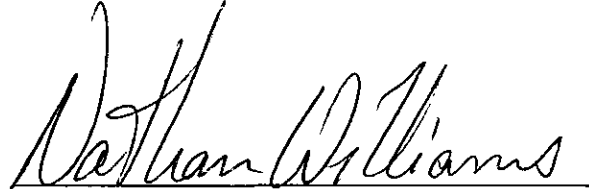
2. The agreement incorporates the terms of the AT&T/SWBT agreement and those terms were approved by the Commission in Cases Nos. TO-97-40, TO-97-67 and TO-98-115.

3. The Staff notes that SWBT filed on January 19, 2000, a pleading stating that it is taking the position that if any change is made in the interconnection agreement between it and AT&T made as the result of pending appeals from Cases Nos. TO-97-40, TO-97-67 and TO-98-115, then this agreement should also automatically be modified to reflect those changes since SWBT only made these terms available due to the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

WHEREFORE, because the Commission determined in Cases Nos. TO-97-40, TO-97-67 and TO-98-115, that the terms set forth in this agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) in that they do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity, the Staff recommends the Commission enter an Order Approving Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nathan Williams", written over a horizontal line.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 7th day of February, 2000.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-406
Parties: Missouri Telecom, Inc., Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

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Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: February 7, 2000

Date Filed: 01/05/00

Staff Deadline: February 23, 2000

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The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one)

- ☐ Resale Agreement
- ☒ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

From	Initials	Date	Revised
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Wm. Voight			
Mr. VanEschen	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/7/00	
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Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., TO-97-40, AT&T/SWBT
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

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