

MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TO-2000-6

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**Parties:** Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc.  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

Missouri Public  
Service Commission.

**From:** Arthur P. Kuss *APK*  
Telecommunications Department

*Wes Henderson 8-9-99*  
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**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** August 05, 1999

**Date Filed:** July 02, 1999

**Staff Deadline:** September 10, 1999

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). The 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 Interconnect 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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**Interconnection Agreement Review Items**

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|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No applications to intervene filed  | Intervention deadline: 08-02-99 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement: e.g. | TO-99-168<br>(Filed 01-20-99)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Agreement signed by both Parties  |                                 |

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

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