BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Nexus Communications, Inc.,)
Complainant,))))
v.)
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri)))
Respondent.)

File No. TC-2011-0132

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Status Report* with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and states:

1. On September 4, 2012, the Commission ordered Staff to file a report regarding the status of Southwestern Bell d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T") and Nexus Communications, Inc.'s ("Nexus") dispute resolution.

2. This filing is intended to comply with that *Order*.

3. Staff understands that the parties have continued to engage in discussions about their differences. Moreover, in addition to Missouri, the parties have expanded the scope of settlement discussions and are currently engaged in high-level and broad-range settlement negotiations regarding disputes across all states wherein both parties conduct business. To that end, the parties have exchanged additional informal discovery and continue frequent communication.

4. Most recently, on October 5, 2012, Nexus submitted a settlement offer to AT&T. Due to the complicated nature of the disputes involved, Nexus' settlement offer

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was several pages long, to which was attached extensive supporting materials and electronic media.

5. On October 22, 2012, AT&T responded to Nexus' settlement offer with a counter-offer and an invitation to continue negotiations. Nexus has not yet completed its evaluation of AT&T's settlement offer, but hopes to complete same in November 2012. Currently, both parties are continuing internal historical data evaluations and reconstructing thousands of local service requests for review, exchange, and comparison.

6. The parties do not yet have a specific timetable established, but are working in good faith to resolve such issues. The parties will advise the Commission of any tentative or final resolution regarding same. Therefore, the parties request an additional period of time, through December 31, 2012, in which to further evaluate the additional discovery, continue data exchange, and explore the possible resolution of their disputes.

7. Given this status, Staff requests leave to file a further status report no later than January 11, 2013.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and requests leave to file a further status report no later than January 11, 2013.

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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 November, 2012.

/s/ Meghan E. McClowry