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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
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**RE: Case No. TO-2000-654**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENATION**.

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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Enclosure  
cc: Counsel of Record

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

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In the Matter of Everest Connections       )  
Corporation's Application for Approval of   )  
an Interconnection Agreement with        )  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company      )  
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the         )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Case No. TO-2000-654

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

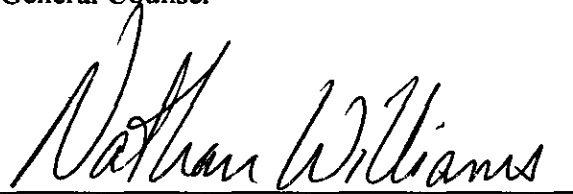
1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Everest Connections Corporation and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, filed on April 17, 2000.

2. The terms of the interconnection agreement 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. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

WHEREFORE, because 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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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TO-2000-654  
Parties: Everest Connections Corporation and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
COMMISSION COUNSEL  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**From:** Amonia Moore *AM*  
Telecommunications Department

*Bir Voight 05-10-00* *Wm K Henderson 5/11/00 NW 5/11/00*  
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** May 10, 2000

**Date Filed:** April 17, 2000

**Staff Deadline:** June 27, 2000

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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Mr. VanEschen	<i>about</i>		
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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., SWBT and AT&T, Case No. TO-97-40
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

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

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