

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

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| In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement |) | |
| between Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a |) | |
| SBC Missouri and Birch Telecom of Missouri, |) | |
| Inc., and Ionex Communications, Inc., Arbitrated |) | Case No. TK-2006-0048 |
| as a Successor Interconnection Agreement to the |) | |
| Missouri 271 Agreement ("M2A"). |) | |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri and Birch Telecom Missouri, Inc., and Ionex Communications, Inc., have filed an errata and revised pages to correct a few rates that they have discovered were incorrectly shown in the interconnection agreement which they filed with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Arbitration Order in Case No. TO-2005-0336. The Commission has previously approved the interconnection agreement.

2. In the attached Memorandum which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the corrected pages and revised rates conform with the Arbitration Order and with the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Under § 47 U.S.C. 252 (e) of the Act, the Commission may reject an arbitrated agreement if it finds that the agreement does not meet the requirements of § 251 of the Act, including the F.C.C.'s implementing regulations, or the pricing standards in § 252 (d) of the Act.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the corrected pages and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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