

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

In the Matter of the Application of for)
Approval of an Amendment to the)
Interconnection Agreement between)
Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited)
Partnership and Southwestern Bell Telephone,)
L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri.)

Case No. TK-2006-0438

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 19, 2006, Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership (“NWMC”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated amendment to its interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“amendment”). The underlying interconnection agreement has previously been filed with and approved by this Commission in Case No. TK-2005-0288.

2. Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a State commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or if the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states that the proposed amendment does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement, and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

4. Staff notes that NWMC has not submitted a serially numbered copy of the amendment pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.513(1)(B)1.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the amendment pursuant to the Act, direct the parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the amendment, and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

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 14th day of June 2006.

/s/ Shelley E. Syler

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

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Party: Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership (NWMC)

Type of Carrier: ☐ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
☐ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
☒ Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

Party: Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T)

Type of Carrier: ☒ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
☐ Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)
☐ Wireless Carrier (CMRS)

From: Arthur P. Kuss
Telecommunications Department

William Voight 06/13/06
Utility Operations Division/Date

/s/ William K. Haas 6/14/06
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Date: June 13, 2006

Date Filed: May 22, 2006

Staff Deadline: June 22, 2006

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted:

- ☐ Interconnection Agreement
- ☒ Amendment Not Previously Approved

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement or Amendment 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 discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and
- 2) Is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

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

- ☒ The Applicants have not submitted a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment. Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.
- ☐ Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement or Amendment.

Additional Interconnection Agreement or Amendment Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene have been filed. Intervention Deadline: June 12, 2006
- ☒ The Agreement or Amendment has been signed by both Parties.

Additional Recommendations or Special Considerations (if any):

Annual Report & Assessment Information

- ☒ The Parties are not delinquent in filing Annual Reports or paying PSC assessments.
- ☐ A Party is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition that the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this Case after it has corrected the delinquency.
- ☐ No annual report. ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:

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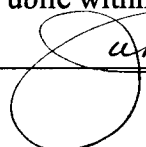
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Arthur P. Kuss, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Arthur P. Kuss

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 13th day of June, 2006.

I am commissioned as a Notary Public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri
and my commission expires on  June 7, 2008



NOTARY PUBLIC

