BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Case No. TK-2006-0146

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement between Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a/ SBC Missouri.

2. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this Interconnection Agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

3. The Staff concludes that the Interconnection Agreement as supplemented does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement, as supplemented and direct Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC to provide a serially numbered copy of said agreement and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 15th day of November 2005.

/s/ Mary E. Weston

MEMORANDUM

To:	Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. TK-2006-0146 Party: Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LI Type of Certification: None Basic Local Local (restricted to private lin Local (no restrictions) Interexchange Party: Southwestern Bell Telephone None Basic Local Local (restricted to private lin Local (restricted to private lin Local (no restrictions) Interexchange	LC ne) , L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri	
From:	Sherri Kohly, Telecommunications Department		
	William L. Voight 11/15/05 Utility Operations Division/Date	William K. Haas 11/15/05 General Counsel Office/Date	
Subject:	Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement		
Date:	November 15, 2005		
Date Filed:	October 3, 2005	Staff Deadline: November 17, 2005	

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 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 for approval.

- Staff does not have a serially numbered copy of the Agreement and recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.
- Staff has a serially numbered copy of the Agreement.

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

 \boxtimes No applications to intervene filed.

Agreement signed by both Parties.

The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition 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:)

Is there an attachment to this recommendation	indicating any recommendations or special
considerations (see below): 🛛 Yes 🗌 No	

At the request of the Staff, Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC filed a Supplement to Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement (Supplement) on November 9, 2005. The Supplement includes the Transit Traffic Agreement that was not a part of the application filed on October 3, 2005. The Commission previously determined that transit service falls within the definition of interconnection service and must be submitted to the Commission for its approval (Case No. TK-2005-0304). The Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order to approve the interconnection agreement in its entirety to include the Transit Traffic Agreement.