

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Neutral Tandem-)
Missouri, LLC for Approval of an Interconnection)
Agreement under the Telecommunications Act) **Case No. TK-2006-0146**
of 1996)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING SOUTHWESTERN BELL
TELEPHONE, L.P. D/B/A SBC MISSOURI A PARTY

Issue Date: October 5, 2005

Effective Date: October 5, 2005

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, as a party to this proceeding.

On October 4, 2005, Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with SBC Missouri under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Neutral Tandem states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. Neutral Tandem requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although SBC Missouri is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because SBC Missouri is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a

telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. That Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri is made a party to this case.
3. That any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than October 25, 2005, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Mary Ann Young, Esq.
2031 Tower Drive
Post Office Box 104595
Jefferson City, Missouri 65110

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

SBC Missouri
One Bell Center
Suite 4210
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than November 7, 2005.

5. That this order shall become effective on October 5, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of October, 2005.