## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Application of Telcove Operations, Inc., for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

) Case No. TK-2006-0296

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE A PARTY

Issue Date: January 17, 2006 Effective Date: January 17, 2006

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, joins Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, as a party, and directs the Staff of the Commission to offer its approval or rejection of the parties' agreement.

On January 12, 2006, Telcove Operations, Inc., filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement with SBC under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Telcove states there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act because it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. Telcove requests expeditious approval of the agreement. Although SBC is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application filed by Telcove.

Sections 252(e)(1) and (2) of the Act provide that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved by the state commission unless it 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. Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that a state commission must approve or reject an agreement reached by negotiation within 90 days after submission. If not, the agreement shall be deemed approved.

The Commission finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies. Proper persons will be allowed until February 6, 2006, to file a motion for hearing. The Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's Data Center shall send notice of this application 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 February 6, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

and send copies to:

Paul S. DeFord LATHROP & GAGE, L.C. Suite 2800 2345 Grand Boulevard Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2612

Brian T. FitzGerald Noelle M. Kinsch LEBOEUF, LAMB, GREENE & MACRAE LLP Suite 2020 99 Washington Avenue Albany, New York 12210 and to:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. 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

February 16, 2006.

5. That this order shall become effective on January 17, 2006.





Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of January, 2006.