

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern	)	
Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for	)	
Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection	)	<b><u>File No. TK-2023-0149</u></b>
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On November 2, 2022, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("Company") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an *Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and TelCove Operations, LLC ("TelCove"), under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. On November 9, 2022, the Commission ordered TelCove be made a party to the case. The Commission further ordered that any party could intervene or request a hearing by no later than November 24, 2022, and that Staff shall file its recommendation by December 9, 2022.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience

or necessity. A copy of the Amendment was filed with the Application. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. TelCove, is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested hearing. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

**WHEREFORE,** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**