

**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 )  
Agreement Under the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996 )

**File No. TK-2017-0246**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On March 31, 2017, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Teletouch Paging, L.P. (Teletouch) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. AT&T Missouri is a certificated Incumbent Local Exchange Telecommunications Company; Teletouch is a certificated wireless/cellular company.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation 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.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, the Staff herein states that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any subsequent modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

**/s/ Nicole Mers**