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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 3rd  
day of July, 1997.

In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and AT&T )  
Wireless Services, Inc., for Approval of Inter- ) Case No. TO-97-474  
connection Agreement Under the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996. )  
)

**ORDER ALLOWING COMMENTS**  
**AND DIRECTING STAFF MEMORANDUM**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. (AWS) filed an application with the Commission on April 25, 1997, for approval of an interconnection agreement between SWBT and AWS under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The applicants state that there are no unresolved issues, that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act, is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest. The applicants request expeditious approval of the agreement without change, suspension, or other delay in its implementation.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 11 days from the issuance of this order to file comments for Commission consideration. Participation shall be permitted only for the limited purpose of filing comments addressing whether this agreement meets the federal standards for approval of interconnection agreements.

The standards for approval are as follows:

**§252(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION**

- (1) **APPROVAL REQUIRED.** - Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State Commission. A State Commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) **GROUND FOR REJECTION.** - The State Commission may only reject -
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that -
    - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
    - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .

Section 252(e)(4) provides that if a state commission has not approved an agreement within ninety days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That any entity wishing to file comments relating to this matter shall file comments no later than July 14, 1997, with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and send copies to:

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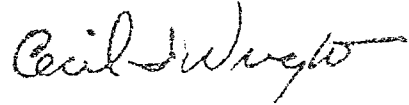
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2. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than July 14, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

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Zobrist, Chm., Drainer,  
Murray and Lumpe, CC.,  
concur.  
Crumpton, C., absent.

ALJ: Luckenbill