

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

In the Matter of the Review of the Deaf)	
Relay Service and Equipment Distribution)	Case No. TO-2009-0042
Fund Surcharge)	

STAFF REPLY TO FILING MADE BY AT&T

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its reply to the filing made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T (AT&T) on September 3, 2008 respectfully states as follows:

1. On August 21, 2008, the Commission granted Staff's request to open a case to review Staff's recommendation to review the Deaf Relay Equipment and Service Fund Surcharge.

2. The Commission granted AT&T's timely application to intervene on September 24, 2008.

3. Staff has reviewed the filing made by AT&T. AT&T does not object to the recommendation Staff filed on August 11, 2008.

4. AT&T requested that, if the Commission determines that the Deaf Relay Surcharge amount should be either increased or decreased, the Commission make the effective date of its order directing the change not less than 60 days from the date the order is issued.

5. In its August 11 recommendation, Staff suggested an effective date 90 days from the issuance of the order to allow an appropriate timeframe for affected companies to implement any change in the surcharge ordered by the Commission. Staff continues to recommend a 90-day effective date for any order increasing or decreasing the surcharge in this case.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this reply for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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