

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri's Application)
For a Commission Finding that 55% of AT&T) **Case No. TO-2009-0063**
Missouri's Total Subscriber Access Lines are In)
Exchanges where Its Services have been)
Declared Competitive)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY AN
ORDER GRANTING COMPETITIVE
CLASSIFICATION SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED

Issue Date: October 17, 2008

Effective Date: October 17, 2008

On August 28, 2008, HB 1779 became effective. Under Section 392.245.5(7) of the legislation, an incumbent local exchange carrier will be deemed competitive and no longer subject to price cap regulation once the Commission makes a finding that 55% or more of the company's total subscriber access lines are in exchanges where the company's services have been designated as "competitive."

On August 28, 2008, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an application for Declaration of Competitive Status. AT&T Missouri stated that 55% or more of its total subscriber access lines are in exchanges where its services have been declared competitive. AT&T Missouri further stated the company has met the statutory standard to be deemed competitive under Section 392.245.5(7).

On September 18, 2008 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed their Staff Recommendation. Staff reviewed AT&T's filing and made no objections to granting AT&T status as a competitively classified company. Staff stated AT&T easily

meets the criteria that 55% or more of its access lines are in exchanges where its services have been declared competitive.

The Commission will allow interested persons an opportunity to show cause why an order granting competitive classification should not be issued for AT&T Missouri.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Interested persons shall file a statement, no later than October 28, 2008, showing cause why the Commission should not issue an order granting competitive classification to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of October, 2008.