

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

In the Matter of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a)
AT&T Long Distance Service’s Motion to Cancel its) **File No. XD-2016-0078**
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Intrastate)
Interexchange Telecommunications Services)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) cancel the certificate of interexchange service authority in Missouri of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service (“the Company”) and states as follows:

1. The Commission granted the Company a certificate of interexchange service authority in Case No. TA-97-476.
2. On September 29, 2015, the Company notified the Commission that it no longer wished to retain its certification to provide telecommunications services in Missouri.
3. The Commission has the authority to cancel a telecommunications certificate pursuant to Section 392.410.5 RSMo 2000, which provides “[a]ny certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected.”
4. The Commission need not hold a hearing, if, after proper notice and opportunity to intervene, no party requests such a hearing. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends the Commission cancel the certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Missouri and the tariff of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service.

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 6th day of October, 2015.

