BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Notice of Election of Waivers)	
Of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)	Case No. IE-2009-0082
d/b/a AT&T Missouri Pursuant to Section 392.420,)	
RSMo., as Amended by HB 1779.)	

Staff's Amended Recommendation

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. Staff submits the attached amended recommendation in this case, as the original recommendation was missing page number 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 10th day of November, 2008.

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Memorandum

To:

Official Case File

Case No. IE-2009-0082

AT&T Missouri

Through:

General Counsel

From:

John Van Eschen

Telecommunications Department

Date:

September 24, 2008

Subject:

Request for Waivers

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri (Company), an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company, has filed a Notice of Election of Waivers pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo, as amended by House Bill 1779, effective August 28, 2008. The Commission Staff (Staff) has no objections to the requested waivers identified in the Company's filing. This memorandum further explains Staff's review of the filing.

Two separate sections of the new legislation, Section 392.420 and 392.245.5(8), provide the genesis for waiving various statutes and Commission rules for telecommunications companies. Both sections are slightly different in terms of the circumstances surrounding their applicability. In addition both sections have slightly different descriptions of the types of rules covered by their provisions.

Section 392.420 RSMo authorizes the Commission, in connection with the issuance or modification of a certificate or service authority, to entertain a petition to suspend or modify the application of its rules and certain statutes. This section further provides that in the case of an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service filed by an alternative local exchange telecommunications company, and for all existing alternative local exchange telecommunications companies, the Commission shall waive, at a minimum, the application and enforcement of its quality of service and billing standards rules, and certain enumerated statutes. Where an alternative local exchange telecommunications company is authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications services in an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company's territory an incumbent may opt into all or some of the statutory and commission rule waivers by filing a notice of election with the Commission.

Section 392.245.5(8) RSMo indicates an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company with classification as a competitive company and all alternative local exchange telecommunications companies shall not be required to comply with customer billing rules, network engineering and maintenance rules, and rules

requiring the recording and submitting of service objectives or surveillance levels established by the Commission. This section does not address any statutes as described and identified in Section 392.420 RSMo.

As previously described, the Company is requesting waivers pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo. In support of its filing, the Company states the Company is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company "...in whose authorized service area numerous alternative local exchange telecommunications companies are authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications services." In Staff's opinion, prior cases along with the most recent annual report submitted by companies adequately demonstrate that alternative local exchange telecommunications companies provide service in the Company's territory.

The specific waivers requested by the Company comply with the type of waivers contemplated by the new legislation. These waivers and a brief description are as follows:

Commission Rules (4 CSR 240-)	Brief Description
3.550 (4) and (5)(A)	Held order records, Quality of service
	reports.
32.060	Engineering and maintenance
32.070	Quality of Service
32.080	Service objectives and surveillance levels
33.040(1) through (3) and (5) through (10)	Billing and payment standards
33.045	Clear identification and placement of
	charges on bills
33.080(1)	Clearly identify company name & toll free
	number on bill
33.130(1), (4) and (5)	Operator service billing-related
	requirements

Missouri Statutes	Brief description of Commission's authority		
392.210(2)	Prescribe a system of accounts		
392.240(1)	Determine reasonableness of rates		
392.270	Determine valuation of property		
392.280	Determine depreciation rates/accounts		
392.290	Establish regulations regarding issuance of stocks, bonds and other indebtedness		
392.300	Transfer of property and ownership of stock		
392.310	Approval of issuing stocks, bonds and other indebtedness		
392,320	Certificate of Commission to be recorded—stock dividends		
392.330	Account for disposition of proceeds of all sales of stocks,		
	bonds, notes and other indebtedness		
392.340	Reorganization		

Staff recommends the Commission grant to the company all of the waivers listed above and direct the Company to list these waivers in the Company's tariff. Staff has also investigated and concluded the Company is currently compliant in obligations relating to the Commission's assessment, Missouri universal service fund, Relay Missouri and the submission of an annual report.

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