

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

In the Matter of the Advance Notice of	)	<b><u>File No. DN-2024-0279</u></b>
Merger of Southwestern Bell Telephone	)	
Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri Name to	)	<b><u>File No. TN-2024-0278</u></b>
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,	)	Tracking Nos. JL-2024-0137,
LLC d/b/a AT&T Missouri (LLC)	)	JL-2024-0138, JL-2024-0139
	)	JL-2024-0140, JL-2024-0142

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW**, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On April 1, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Enterprises, Inc., (“Southwestern Bell Telephone Company” or “Company”) requested that the Commission recognize its name change to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Enterprises, LLC. Along with its notice, the Company submitted a tariff adoption notice reflecting the new name.

2. On April 2, 2024, the Commission ordered the Staff to file a recommendation regarding Southwestern Bell Telephone Company’s request no later than April 12, 2024.

3. On two separate occasions, the Company notified Staff that it was awaiting the receipt of the registration documentation required by 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2)(A)2 to be filed with the Missouri Secretary of State’s Office for the transactions involved, before Staff could recommend the Commission approve the requested name change. The Commission granted both requests for extensions of time to file Staff’s recommendation regarding the Company’s request.

4. On June 5, 2024, the Company filed its *Notice of Filing of Corporate Registration* in this matter, including its *Application for Registration of a Foreign Limited Liability Company and Certificate of Registration* for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC, issued by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office on May 22, 2024, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2)(A)2 for the transactions involved.

5. Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) provides that any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the Commission of the name change and lays out the methods and requirements for such notice. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Company has complied with all aspects of the rule. No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name change; permit the tariff adoption to take effect; and grant such other and further relief as it finds just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, to all counsel of record.

**/s/Ron Irving**