

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval       )  
of an Interconnection Agreement between       )  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a       )  
AT&T Missouri and Stratus Network, Inc.       )  
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996    )

**File No. IK-2025-0027**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its *Recommendation* as follows:

1. On July 23, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T Missouri”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission *AT&T Missouri’s Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and Stratus Network, Inc.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation only if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. AT&T Missouri is certified with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier and a registered Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol provider. Stratus Network, Inc. is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and a registered Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol provider.

**WHEREFORE,** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, to all counsel of record.

**/s Ron Irving**