

# 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     ) **File No. IK-2025-0027**  
AT&T Missouri and Stratus Network, Inc.     )  
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of     )  
1996     )

## ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: September 26, 2024

Effective Date: October 6, 2024

This order approves a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties, which was filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

On July 23, 2024, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) with Stratus Network, Inc. under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). 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.

Although Stratus Network, Inc. is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On August 7, 2024, the Commission issued an order making Stratus Network, Inc. a party in this case and directed any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than August 22, 2024. No requests for hearing were filed.

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any Interconnection Agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject

an Agreement if it finds that the Agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

On September 6, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation. Staff recommended that the Agreement be approved and noted that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission finds that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

So that the parties may proceed under the terms of the Agreement without further delay, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Missouri and Stratus Network, Inc., filed on July 23, 2024, is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on October 6, 2024.
3. This file may be closed on October 7, 2024.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

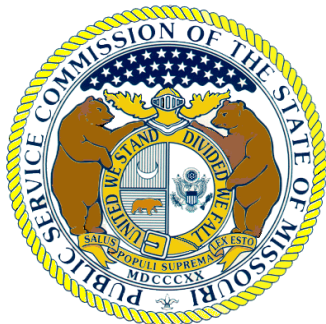
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**September 26, 2024**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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