

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T)
Missouri for Approval of an Amendment to an)
Interconnection Agreement Under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

File No. IK-2025-0059

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On August 23, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T Missouri”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its *Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement* between itself and CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a LUMEN Technologies Group, LUMEN Technologies (“CenturyLink”).

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 Amendment to 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. CenturyLink is certified with the

Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier and is a registered 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 27th day of September, 2024, to all counsel of record.

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