

**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	)	<u>File No. IK-2026-0252</u>
Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement	)	
between Zayo Group, LLC, Under the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

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 March 27, 2026, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri) filed for Commission approval of an amendment to an interconnection agreement (Agreement) between Zayo Group, LLC, (Zayo) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2).

2. On April 17, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Adding a Party* directing Zayo to be made a party to this case, directing any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing to do so by May 2, 2026, and ordering Staff to file a recommendation or status report by May 17, 2026.

3. 47 U.S.C. § 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.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not

a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement was filed with the Application. AT&T Missouri is an incumbent local exchange carrier and is authorized to provide Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service in Missouri. Zayo is a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. No entities have intervened or requested a hearing.

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 13th day of May, 2026, to all parties and/or counsel of record.

/s/ Mark Johnson