

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

In the Matter of the Amendment to the Interconnection	)	
Agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone	)	
Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Missouri and Socket	)	<u>File No. IK-2027-0015</u>
Telecom, LLC, Adopting Previously Approved	)	
Amendments	)	

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 July 13, 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 Socket Telecom, LLC (Socket) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2).

2. On July 22, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Adding a Party* directing Socket to be made a party to this case, directing any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing to do so by August 6, 2026, and ordering Staff to file a recommendation or status report by August 21, 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. Socket 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 21st day of August, 2026, to all parties and/or counsel of record.

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