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 Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC Adopting Previously Approved Amendments	)))))	**File No. IK-2027-0062**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and submits its *Staff Recommendation* as follows:

1. On August 27, 2026, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.013(2)(B) and under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") a letter requesting the Commission to adopt an amendment ("Amendment") to AT&T's Interconnection Agreement with Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC.[1] In the filed letter, AT&T notes that the Amendment is substantially the same in its terms and conditions as the amendment the Commission approved in Commission File No. IK-2026-0252.

3. On September 8, 2026, the Commission issued an order ("Order") which added Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC as a party to this case; directed parties wishing to intervene to do so by September 23, 2026; directed the Commission's Data Center to send a copy of the Order to all interexchange and local exchange

[1] The Telecommunications Act of 1996 is codified in relevant part as 47 U.S.C. § 252.

telecommunications companies; and directed Staff to file a *Staff Recommendation* or status report no later than October 8, 2026.

4. A copy of the Amendment was filed with AT&T's letter. AT&T is certified with the Commission as an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC") and is a registered Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol ("IVoIP") service provider. Peerless Network of Missouri, LLC is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC") and an Interexchange Carrier ("IXC"). No entities have intervened or requested a hearing. In the filed letter, AT&T asserts it has complied with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

5. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A) (1996) provides that a state commission may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement (or any portion thereof) only if: 1.) It discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement; or 2.) The agreement's (or a portion of the agreement's) implementation is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the Amendment does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Amendment.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's request. 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 copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 7th day of October, 2026.

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