BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996	)))))	**File No. TK-2021-0313**

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Issue Date: May 14, 2021 Effective Date: June 13, 2021

This order approves an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement between the parties filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri).

On March 26, 2021, AT&T Missouri filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to its negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Big River Telephone Comapny, LLC (Big River) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier. Big River is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and an interexchange carrier.

Although Big River is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On April 8, 2021, the Commission issued an order making Big River a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than April 23, 2021. 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 May 6, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Agreement as amended be approved and notes 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 as amended meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement as amended is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Missouri and Big River, filed on March 26, 2021, is approved.

2. This order shall become effective on June 13, 2021.

3. This file may be closed on June 14, 2021.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of May, 2021.

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 14th day of May, 2021.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

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