

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman  
Michael C. Moffet  
Joseph F. Harkins

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for )  
Approval of Interconnection Agreement ) Docket No. 08-SWBT-1136-IAT  
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ) Telecom  
With Neutral Tandem-Kansas, LLC. )

**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On June 24, 2008, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T), filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement (Agreement) between AT&T and Neutral Tandem-Kansas, LLC (Neutral Tandem-Kansas).
2. On August 25, 2008, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted a memorandum recommending Commission approval of the Agreement.
3. Staff stated that AT&T and Neutral Tandem-Kansas are certificated Local Exchange Carriers in Kansas. Staff further stated that both AT&T and Neutral Tandem-Kansas are properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and are "active and in good standing" with that office. AT&T and Neutral Tandem-Kansas are both current with Kansas Universal Service Fund assessments and Commission fees.

4. The Agreement addresses interconnection matters between AT&T and Neutral Tandem-Kansas. According to Staff, no other party will be disadvantaged or negatively impacted by this Agreement.

5. There are no outstanding issues involving the Agreement that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

6. Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 states that state commissions may reject a negotiated agreement only if it finds that the agreement (or portions thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or the implementation of such an agreement (or portions thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Staff has reviewed this proposed Agreement and finds no such cause for concern with this filing.

7. The Commission finds and concludes that the Agreement between AT&T and Neutral Tandem-Kansas should be approved. The implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not, on its face, discriminate against any telecommunications provider not a party to the agreement.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Kansas, for approval of an interconnection agreement with Neutral Tandem-Kansas, LLC is hereby approved.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 77-529.

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

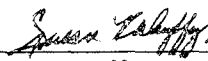
**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Wright, Chmn.; Moffet, Com.; Harkins, Com.

Dated: SEP 15 2008

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Director.  
Susan K. Duffy  
Executive Director

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