

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners:                    Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
   Susan K. Duffy  
   Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern    )  
Bell Telephone Company for Approval of            )  
Interconnection Agreement Under the                ) Docket No. 16-SWBT-538-IAT  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 With                 )  
Teleport Communications America, LLC.             )

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and record and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1.        On October 26, 2021, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T Kansas) filed an Application requesting Commission approval of an Amended Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, AT&T Corp. and Teleport Communications America, LLC (Teleport). The proposed Amended Agreement modifies provisions related to Operations Support Systems (OSS) and/or Data Connection Security Requirements, as well as changes related to Robocalling and other Prohibited Traffic.

2.        AT&T is the largest telecommunication carrier operating in Kansas and maintains the status of an “electing carrier,” with major service areas in Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita. It is headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. Teleport is headquartered in Dallas, Texas and is registered to do business in Kansas as a Limited Liability Corporation. Teleport is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) in Kansas that was granted authority in Docket No. 13-TCAT-374-COC

and is an Interexchange Service Carrier as approved in Docket No. 13-TCAT-375-COC. Both companies are *active and in good standing* with the Kansas Secretary of State.

3. AT&T Kansas states that the Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with AT&T Kansas, AT&T Corp. and Teleport modifies the Interconnection Agreement by changing provisions related to OSS, Data Connection Security Requirements, and Robocalling and other Prohibited Traffic. The subject Interconnection Agreement and Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement are collectively referred to herein as “amended Agreement”. AT&T Kansas indicates the amended Agreement fully complies with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Federal Act) and is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.<sup>1</sup>

4. The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188. K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires all telecommunications public utilities doing business in Kansas to:

...publish and file with the commission copies of all schedules of rates, joint rates, tolls, charges, classifications and divisions of rates affecting Kansas traffic, either state or interstate, and shall furnish the commission copies of all rules and regulations and contracts between such telecommunications public utilities pertaining to any and all jurisdictional services to be rendered by such telecommunications public utilities.

5. Section 252(e)(2) of the Federal Act [47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)] requires the Commission to presume that interconnection agreements entered into through negotiation and submitted for Commission approval are valid unless:

- (1) the agreement (or portions thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (2) the implementation of such an agreement (or portions thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and authority.

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<sup>1</sup> Application at 2.

6. On November 1, 2021, the Commission Staff submitted its Report and Recommendation, advising the Commission to approve the amended Agreement between AT&T Kansas, AT&T Corp. and Teleport. Citing Section 252(e) of the Federal Act, Staff acknowledges the amended Agreement fully complies with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act and supports approval of the Agreement as being consistent with the public interest and convenience and necessity. Staff accordingly recommends the Commission grant AT&T Kansas' Application and approve the amended Agreement.

7. The Commission adopts Staff's recommendation of November 1, 2021, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached and made a part of this Order, and finds that AT&T Kansas' Application should be granted, and the amended Agreement between AT&T Kansas, AT&T Corp. and Teleport be approved.

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

A. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas' Application filed October 26, 2021, is hereby granted and the amended Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Kansas, AT&T Corp. and Teleport Communications America, LLC is hereby approved.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>2</sup>

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.

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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 11/09/2021



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION**

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**DATE:** November 01, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 16-SWBT-538-IAT

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for Approval of Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with AT&T Corp. and Teleport Communications America, LLC.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On October 26, 2021, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) d/b/a AT&T Kansas filed an Application for modification of the Interconnection Agreement with AT&T Corp. and Teleport Communications America, LLC (Teleport). Staff recommends approval of this Application.

The Commission action date is **Monday, January 24, 2022.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188. K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires all telecommunications public utilities doing business in Kansas to “publish and file with the commission copies of all schedules of rates, joint rates, tolls, charges, classifications and divisions of rates affecting Kansas traffic, either state or interstate, and shall furnish the commission copies of all rules and regulations and contracts between such telecommunications public utilities pertaining to any and all jurisdictional services to be rendered by such telecommunications public utilities.”

The U.S. Congress and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have pre-empted certain aspects of state regulation of interconnection between telecommunications carriers. Section 252(e)(2) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)) requires the

Commission to presume that interconnection agreements entered into through negotiation and submitted for Commission approval are valid unless:

- 1) the agreement (or portions thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- 2) the implementation of such an agreement (or portions thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Amendment modifies certain provisions relating to Operations Support Systems (OSS) and/or Data Connection Security Requirements, and Robocalling and other Prohibited Traffic. The Amendment foregoes recitals and the terms and conditions in the original Agreement and replaces with the data connection security procedures as set forth on the AT&T CLEC Online website. The data connection and security procedures relate to procedures on joint security requirements, information security, user identification and authentication, network monitoring, and software integrity. The interconnection for OSS will also be in compliance with AT&T's "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) operations Support System Interconnection Procedures" as set forth on AT&T's CLEC Online website.

The Amendment adds Robocalling and other Prohibited Traffic provisions to the General Terms & Conditions restricting the use of Prohibited Traffic that appears to be in violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations. Prohibited Traffic includes, but is not limited to, traffic that unreasonably harms, frightens, abuses, interferes with the use of the AT&T-21State's network, predictive dialing of telephone numbers, and telemarketing or telephone solicitation.

AT&T Kansas filed for approval of this Amended Agreement between AT&T Kansas, AT&T Corp., and Teleport. The Amendment expires *concurrent* with the existing Agreement.

AT&T Kansas contends that implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act and believes approval is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

Having reviewed the modification to the Agreement between AT&T Kansas and AT&T Corp. and Teleport, Staff finds no evidence to conclude this Agreement discriminates against any telecommunications carrier, nor is it inconsistent with public interest, convenience, or necessity. Staff believes the public will generally benefit from KCC approval of this Application.

The companies are registered with the Kansas Secretary of State and are active and in good standing with that office.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission grant approval of this Application for a Modification to the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Kansas, AT&T Corp. and Teleport.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of  
electronic service on 11/09/2021.

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