

MEMORANDUM  
UTILITIES DIVISION

TO: Chair Moline  
Commissioner Krehbiel  
Commissioner Moffet

FROM: Melissa Hunsicker Walburn

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RE: Docket No. 06-SWBT-379-IAT

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 15, 2005, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc. (McLeod) originally approved by the Commission October 26, 2005.

**ANALYSIS:**

The modification amends the agreement to reflect changes in intervening law, reciprocal compensation, interconnection and trunking terms through June 30, 2007. It's intended that this modification be integrated into the underlying agreement which shall otherwise remain unchanged and in full force and effect. SWBT contends that implementation of this modification to the agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act. SWBT believes approval is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

Staff finds no evidence to conclude this agreement discriminates against any telecommunications carrier, nor is inconsistent with public interest, convenience, or

necessity. Staff believes the public will generally benefit from KCC approval of this application.

McLeod is registered with the office of the Kansas Secretary of State as active and in good standing. McLeod was certificated on January 7, 1007 in Docket No. 97-MLTC-211-COC.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission grant approval of this application for approval of the addition to the interconnection agreement between SWBT and McLeod.

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