

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for)
Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under) Docket No. 02-SWBT-928-IAT
the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with)
Pinpoint Wireless, Inc.)
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ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

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 records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On February 14, 2017, Southwestern Bell Telephone (SWBT) filed a modification to an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and Pinpoint Wireless, Inc. (Pinpoint). The modification expands the underlying Agreement to establish bill-and-keep as the compensation agreement for call transport and termination exchanged between the parties.

2. 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 over which the Commission has control 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.”

3. Section 252(e)(2) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996¹ 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.

4. Commission Staff submitted a Report and Recommendation in regards to the Interconnection Agreement on April 14, 2017, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Staff has no concerns regarding the Application, affirming that this Agreement does not discriminate against a carrier not a party to the Agreement and stating that approval of this Agreement is in the public interest. Staff recommended approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

5. The Commission finds Staff’s findings and recommendation to be reasonable and hereby adopts the same.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The proposed modification to the Interconnection Agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone and Pinpoint Wireless, Inc., filed February 14, 2017, is approved.

B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) 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. 77-529(a)(1).

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

¹47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: APR 25 2017



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

TO: Chairman Pat Apple
Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht
Commissioner Jay Scott Emler

FROM: Kelly Mabon, Telecommunications Analyst
Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

DATE: April 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Docket No. 02-SWBT-928-IAT
In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for
Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of
1996 with Pinpoint Wireless, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On February 14, 2017, Southwestern Bell Telephone (SWBT) filed a Modification to an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and Pinpoint Wireless, Inc. (Pinpoint). Staff recommends approval of the filing.

The Commission action date is **Monday, May 15, 2017.**

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 over which the Commission has control 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:

This modification expands the underlying Agreement to establish bill-and-keep as the compensation arrangement for call transport and termination exchanged between the Parties.

The Applicant is seeking review and approval of an Amendment to this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. Section 252(e) of the Federal Act 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 the proposed Amendment to the Agreement and finds no such cause for concern with this filing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff believes it is in the public interest to grant approval of the Amendment to the Agreement between SWBT and Pinpoint.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of

Electronic Service on APR 25 2017

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