

**MEMORANDUM
UTILITIES DIVISION**

TO: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman
Joe F. Harkins, Commissioner
Michael C. Moffet, Commissioner

FROM: Guy McDonald, Senior Telecommunications Analyst

DATE: November 16, 2007

DATE SUBMITTED TO LEGAL: 11/19/07

DATE SUBMITTED TO COMMISSIONERS:

SUBJECT: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. for
Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of
1996 With MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC.
Docket No. 06-SWBT-370-IAT

BACKGROUND:

On November 13, 2007, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Kansas filed an application for approval of a modification to their previously approved Interconnection Agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, d/b/a Verizon Access transmission Services (MCI).

AT&T is the largest certificated Local Exchange Carrier in the State of Kansas serving the major metropolitan areas and numerous rural areas through out the state. MCI is a certificated carrier authorized to provide Local Exchange Service and Exchange Access Service in the State of Kansas. At the time of this filing both entities are properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and are 'active and in good standing' with the Secretary's office. Both are current with their KUSF assessments and KCC fees.

Commission action in this matter is required not later than Monday, **February 11, 2008.**

ANALYSIS:

The parties present this modification as negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act affecting certain reciprocal compensation, interconnection and Trunking terms through July 31, 2009. The parties state that there are no outstanding issues in need of mediation or arbitration.

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 this proposed modification and finds no such cause for concern with this filing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends commission approval.

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