

**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, L.P. for Approval of Interconnection ) Docket No. 06-SWBT-371-IAT  
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of )  
1996 with ACN Communications Services, Inc. )

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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

1. On September 12, 2017, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (SWBT) filed an Application requesting Commission approval of a modification to the Interconnection Agreement approved by the Commission on October 24, 2005, between SWBT and ACN Communications Services, Inc. (ACN). Supplementing its Application, SWBT included a copy of the Amendment to Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) executed by the parties on July 20, 2017, and the Affidavit of Richard T. Howell, SWBT's Area Manager-Regulatory Relations. SWBT's requested modification to the Interconnection Agreement reflects a name change and the changes resulting from the FCC's USF/ICC, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, and USTelecom Forbearance Orders; and revised electronic notification in the current Agreement.<sup>1</sup> The Interconnection Agreement and proposed Amendment are collectively referred to herein as "amended Agreement".

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<sup>1</sup> Application, page 1.

2. On November 28, 2017, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation dated November 27, 2017, recommending the Commission grant SWBT's Application and approve the amended Agreement between SWBT and ACN.

3. The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 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.

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

4. SWBT maintains that implementation of the amended Agreement complies fully 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. Staff states that it has reviewed SWBT's Application and confirms that the requested modification reflects the name change from ACN Communication Services, Inc. to ACN Communication Services, LLC, as approved by the Commission in its Order issued November 5, 2015 in Docket No. 16-ACMC-137-CCN. Staff further confirms that the requested modification reflects changes resulting from the FCC's USF/ICC, Lifeline and Link Up Reform

and Modernization, and USTelecom Forbearance Orders; and revised electronic notification in the current Agreement. Concluding, Staff determines that SWBT's request is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and recommends the Commission grant SWBT's Application and approve the requested modifications to the Interconnection Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

5. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendation of November 27, 2017, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that SWBT's Application should be granted and the amended Agreement between SWBT and ACN approved.

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

A. The September 12, 2017 Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas is hereby granted and the amended Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and ACN Communications Services, LLC is hereby 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. 2016 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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.

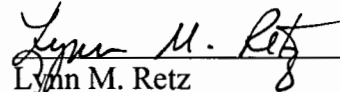
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<sup>2</sup> Report and Recommendation, page 2.

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

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: DEC 05 2017

  
Lynn M. Retz  
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  
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Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

**DATE:** November 27, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 06-SWBT-371-IAT  
In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for  
Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of  
1996 With ACN Communications Services, Inc.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On September 12, 2017, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a Modification to an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and ACN Communications Services, Inc. (ACN). Staff recommends approval of the filing.

The Commission action date is **Monday, December 11, 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 reflects the name change from ACN Communication Services, Inc. to ACN Communication Services, LLC as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 16-ACMC-137-CCN on November 5, 2015, and the changes resulting from the FCC's USF/ICC, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, and USTelecom Forbearance Orders; and revised electronic notification in the current Agreement.

The Applicant is seeking review and approval of a Modification 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 Modification 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 Modification to the Agreement between SWBT and ACN.

**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

first class mail/hand delivered on DEC 05 2017.

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