

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

Before Commissioners:                      Mark Sievers, Chairman  
    Ward Loyd  
    Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern       )  
Bell Telephone Company for Approval of                )  
Interconnection Agreement Under the                    ) Docket No. 12-SWBT-182-IAT  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 With Sonic             )  
Telecom, LLC.    )

**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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

1.       On September 9, 2011, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T) filed an Application requesting Commission approval of an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) with Sonic Telecom, LLC (Sonic), which was executed by the parties on August 15, 2011.

2.       AT&T contends that implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Federal Act), and that approval of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

3.       AT&T presents the Agreement, including attachments, as an integrated package, resulting from negotiations and compromise leaving no outstanding issues between the parties needing mediation or arbitration.

4. On November 3, 2011, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation recommending that the Commission approve the Agreement between AT&T and Sonic.

5. Staff notes that Sonic is properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and that its status with that office is "active and in good standing".

6. According to Staff, Sonic was granted authority to operate in the State of Kansas as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) in Docket No. 11-STLT-681-COC on May 9, 2011.

7. Citing Section 252(e) of the Federal Act, Staff states that 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 indicates that it has reviewed the Agreement and finds no such cause for concern with respect to the instant filing. Staff Report and Recommendation at page 2.

8. Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds and concludes that the Agreement between AT&T and Sonic should be approved. The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

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

A. The Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas is hereby granted and the Interconnection Agreement entered into between AT&T and Sonic Telecom, LLC on August 15, 2011 is hereby approved.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three 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. 2009 Supp. 77-529.

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.

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

Sievers, Chmn.; Loyd, Comm.; Wright, Comm.

Dated: NOV 10 2011



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Patrice Petersen-Klein  
Executive Director

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.