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May 13, 2009

Ms. Susan K. Duffy, Executive Director Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

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

Dear Ms. Duffy:

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and three (3) copies of an Application for Approval of a Modification to the Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") previously approved between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA") on October 26, 2005 in the above-captioned docket. Also enclosed

is the supporting Affidavit of Janet Arnold, Manager-Regulatory Relations.

This modification amends the Agreement to extend its expiration date to December 12, 2011. The Agreement, with this modification and the attachments incorporated therein, is an integrated package and is the result of negotiation and compromise. There are no outstanding issues between the parties that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration. McLeodUSA is registered as active and in good standing with the Kansas Secretary of State's office.

AT&T Kansas files this modification to the Agreement seeking Commission approval of its terms and conditions consistent with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T Kansas represents and believes in good faith that the implementation of this modification to the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. AT&T Kansas specifically requests that the Commission refrain from taking any action to change, suspend or otherwise delay implementation of this modification to the agreement, in keeping with the support for competition previously demonstrated by the Commission.

Contact information for McLeodUSA is listed below.

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The Commission's prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Ney **General Attorney** 

**Enclosures** 

Ms. Colleen Harrell (transmittal letter only) CC:

Mr. Al Finnell

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# APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas hereby files this Application for Approval of a Modification to the Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement)" under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Federal Act") between AT&T Kansas and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA") and would respectfully show the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") the following:

### I. INTRODUCTION

AT&T Kansas presents to this Commission a modification to the Agreement previously negotiated, executed and filed with the Commission on October 12, 2005 pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. The Commission issued an order approving the Agreement on October 26, 2005. This modification amends the Agreement to extend its expiration date to December 12, 2011. A copy of the executed Amendment which reflects the parties' agreement to incorporate this modification to the Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment I.

### II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

AT&T Kansas seeks the Commission's approval of this modification to the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. The implementation of this modification to the Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the modifications are consistent with the Commission's previous conclusion that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

AT&T Kansas respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this modification to the Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. The Agreement, with this modification, is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between competitors, and the parties do not believe a docket or intervention by other parties is necessary or appropriate.

#### III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Federal Act which provides as follows:

Section 252(e) of the Federal Act:

## (e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED. -- Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION. -- The State Commission may only reject --
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof)

adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --

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

The affidavit of Janet Arnold, Manager-Regulatory Relations, establishes that the modification to the Agreement submitted herein satisfies the standards for approval under the Federal Act. (Affidavit, Attachment II).

#### IV. KANSAS LAW

The negotiated and executed modification to the Agreement is consistent with the Kansas regulatory statutes.

#### ٧. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, AT&T Kansas respectfully requests that the Commission approve this modification to the Agreement previously approved.

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# AMENDMENT to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

by and between

# SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

d/b/a
AT&T KANSAS

and

McLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

AMENDMENT TO

# INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 BETWEEN

# SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T KANSAS AND

## MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

The Interconnection Agreement dated September 28, 2005 by and between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas ("AT&T")¹ and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeod") ("Agreement") effective in the state of Kansas is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Section 4.0 of the General Terms and Conditions is amended by adding the following section:
  - 4.2.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.0, the original expiration date of this Agreement, as modified by this Amendment, will be extended for a period of three (3) years from December 12, 2008 until December 12, 2011 (the "Extended Expiration Date"). The Agreement shall expire on the Extended Expiration Date; provided, however, that during the period from the effective date of this Amendment until the Extended Expiration Date, the Agreement may be terminated earlier either by written notice from McLeod, by AT&T pursuant to the Agreement's early termination provisions, by mutual agreement of the parties, or upon the effective date of a written and signed superseding agreement between the parties.
- 2. The Agreement is also amended as follows to reflect prior changes of law, and McLeod acknowledges and agrees that it will promptly amend the Agreement to reflect future changes of law as and when they may arise.
- 4. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
- 3. In entering into this Amendment, neither Party waives, and each Party expressly reserves, any rights, remedies or arguments it may have at law or under the intervening law or regulatory change provisions in the underlying Agreement (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof, which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further review.
- 5. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Kansas Corporation Commission name and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On December 30, 2001, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (a Missouri corporation) was merged with and into Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc. (a Texas corporation) and, pursuant to Texas law, was converted to Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., a Texas limited partnership. On June 29, 2007, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, was merged with and into SWBT Inc., a Missouri corporation, with SWBT Inc. as the survivor entity. Simultaneous with the merger, SWBT Inc. changed its name to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is doing business in Kansas as "AT&T Kansas."

### AMENDMENT TO EXTEND TERM DATE, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELPHONE COMPANY

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas by AT&T Operations, Inc., its authorized agent

Eddie A. Reed, Jr. Name:

Title: Director-Interconnection Agreements

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### AFFIDAVIT OF JANET ARNOLD

STATE OF KANSAS	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE	)	

Before me, the Undersigned Authority, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, personally appeared Janet Arnold of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas who, upon being by me duly sworn on oath deposed and said the following:

- My name is Janet Arnold. I am over the age of 21, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am the Manager-Regulatory Relations for AT&T Kansas, and I have personal knowledge concerning the Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") between AT&T Kansas and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. which was approved by the Commission on October 26, 2005 and the proposed modification to that Agreement.
- 2. This modification amends the Agreement to extend its expiration date to December 12, 2011.
- 3. There are no outstanding issues between the parties that need the assistance of mediation and arbitration relating to the modification to the Agreement.
- 4. The implementation of this modification to the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

- 5. This modification to the Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The modification is available to any similarly situated local service provider in negotiating a similar agreement.
- 6. The negotiated and executed modification to the Agreement is consistent with Kansas law.

Janet Arnold

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas

MARY A. REED

My Appt. Exp. (4/5/2000)

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My Commission Expires: October 15, 2010