

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

Before Commissioners:                    Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
   Dwight D. Keen  
   Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Notice and Application for    )  
Name Change of Southwestern Bell Telephone    ) Docket No. 24-SWBT-546-CCN  
Company.    )

**ORDER APPROVING NAME CHANGE**

NOW, 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 1, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, (Southwestern Bell) filed an Application requesting authority to change its name on the records of the Commission to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC. Southwestern Bell was previously certificated as an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) in the State of Kansas.

2.        The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188 and K.S.A. 66-2005(z). Regarding the request for a company name change, the Commission, in accordance with K.S.A. 66-131 and K.S.A. 66-136, must determine whether the proposed change will promote the public convenience.

3.        Commission Staff (Staff) submitted a Report and Recommendation dated April 15, 2024, advising the Commission to grant Southwestern Bell’s Application and approve the requested name change.

4.        Granting the Application will allow the records of the Commission to be updated consistent with Southwestern Bell’s current name, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC,

and business entity registration filed with the Kansas Secretary of State. It is reported active and in good standing.

5. The Commission adopts Staff’s analysis and recommendations of April 15, 2024, as stated in the Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that the Southwestern Bell’s Application should be granted. The Commission further finds that the requested name change to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC, on the Certificate of Convenience and Authority will promote the public convenience and should be approved.

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

A. The Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, filed herein on February 1, 2024, is hereby granted, and the request for a name change to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC, under its Certificate of Convenience and Authority thereby approved.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>1</sup>


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.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 05/07/2024

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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-1 18b; K.S.A. 77-503(c) and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
UTILITIES DIVISION**

**TO:** Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner  
Annie Kuether, Commissioner

**FROM:** Hemant Bhagat, Senior Telecommunications Analyst  
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**DATE:** April 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 24-SWBT-546-CCN

In the Matter of the Notice and Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On February 1, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) d/b/a AT&T Kansas filed an Application requesting the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) change its name on all Commission records to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC. Staff recommends approval of this Application.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-2005(z). The Commission derives its authority to certificate and de-certificate public utilities from K.S.A. 66-131, which requires the Commission to review all certification and decertification applications to determine whether the “public convenience” will be promoted by granting the request.

**ANALYSIS**

SWBT, a Delaware corporation, is registered and authorized to do business in the state of Kansas as an incumbent local exchange (ILEC) services provider in the State of Kansas.<sup>1</sup> The Company filed an application with the Commission on February 1, 2024, to change its name on its Certification of Convenience and Authority to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket Nos. 164,801-U, 164,802-U, 164,803-U.

The Company stated the name change would be entirely transparent to the customers and will not affect the day-to-day operations of the company or affect the service rates, terms, or the conditions of the services to customers. As an ILEC, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company LLC must file its General Terms and Conditions and its Local Exchange and Access tariffs with the Commission, and the Company stated it would file its tariffs under its new name within 90 days of the requested effective date of May 1, 2024.

SWBT is properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office to engage in business in Kansas, and is currently "active and in good standing." The Company notified the Commission that it would convert to a Delaware limited liability company on May 1, 2024. SWBT has a current Annual Interrogatory on file and is current with its Commission assessments and Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) reporting and payment obligations.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of SWBT's Application to change its name on its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC to provide ILEC services within the state of Kansas. The Company is reminded to notify the Commission immediately of any change in address or contact telephone numbers, timely file Annual Interrogatories, maintain current registration with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office, and pay all Commission and KUSF assessments in a timely manner.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 05/07/2024.

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