

**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 Petition of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company D/B/A AT&T)
Kansas for an Order Confirming) Docket No. 24-SWBT-318-MIS
Relinquishment of Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier Designation in)
Specified Areas.)

**ORDER GRANTING STAFF’S MOTION FOR EXTENSION AND MODIFYING
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On October 6, 2023, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (“AT&T Kansas”) filed an Application requesting approval to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in portions of its local exchange service areas.¹

2. On August 20, 2024, Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed a Motion for Procedural Schedule, stating that the parties had conferred and agreed upon a deadline of November 1, 2024, for Staff to file a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), and requested the Commission issue an order on the matter by December 31, 2024.² Subsequently, the Commission adopted Staff’s proposed procedural schedule.³

¹ Southwestern Bell Telephone Application (Oct. 6, 2023) (“Application”).

² Staff’s Motion for Procedural Schedule (Aug. 20, 2024).

³ Order Setting Procedural Schedule (Aug. 27, 2024).

3. On November 1, 2024, Staff requested an extension to November 18, 2024, to file their R&R due to the press of other business and unexpected unavailability of Staff personnel.⁴

4. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) gives the Commission broad discretion to grant an extension of time for good cause shown. The Commission finds Staff has stated good cause for an extension. Accordingly, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(b), the Commission grants Staff's Motion for Extension.

5. Due to the time constraints the extension would place on the Commission and AT&T Kansas, the Commission finds it necessary to modify the procedural schedule. Therefore, the Commission adopts the following modified procedural schedule:

DATE	TIME	ACTION
Monday, November 18, 2024	5:00 p.m.	Staff's Report and Recommendation Due
Monday, December 2, 2024	5:00 p.m.	AT&T Response to Staff's R&R Due
Thursday, December 12, 2024	5:00 p.m.	Staff's Reply Due
Tuesday, January 21, 2025		Commission Order Due

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Staff's Motion for Extension is granted pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(b).
- B. The modified procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 5 is adopted.
- C. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁵

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 11/14/2024



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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⁴ Motion for Extension (Nov. 1, 2024).

⁵ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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 11/14/2024.

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