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February 1, 2024

Ms. Lynn M. Retz Secretary to the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

Re: KCC New Docket; In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Changing its Name to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC

Dear Ms. Retz:

Attached you will find a Notice and Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Sincerely,

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Bruce A. Ney AVP—Senior Legal Counsel

Attachment

cc: Parties of Record

## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Changing its Name to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC.

Ú Docket No. 24-SWBT-<u>546</u>CCN

## NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,188 and K.S.A. 66-2005(z)(1), and hereby submits its Notice and Application to change the company's name on its Certificate of Convenience and Authority ("CCA"). In support of this Notice and Application, SWBT shows the Commission as follows:

1. SWBT is an electing carrier pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005(x), as previously

designated by the Commission.<sup>1</sup> It is also the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC")

in its Kansas exchanges.

2. SWBT is a Delaware corporation, properly registered and authorized to do business in the state of Kansas as foreign corporation and is active and in good standing with the Kansas Secretary of State's office. SWBT does business in the state of Kansas as ("d/b/a") AT&T Kansas.

3. Pursuant to its CCA and Kansas law, SWBT hereby formally notifies the Commission that on May 1, 2024, it will convert to a Delaware limited liability company. Following the conversion, the company will be known as Southwestern Bell Telephone

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order Designating Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas An Electing Carrier, In the Matter of the Notice of Election by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pursuant to 2011 Kan. Sess. Laws Ch. 54 (K.S.A. 66-2005(x)), Docket No. 12-SWBT-014-MIS, dated Aug. 17, 2011.

Company, LLC. The company will also continue to operate in the state doing business as ("d/b/a") AT&T Kansas.

4. The change in corporate status and name will be entirely transparent to the company's customers and will have no impact on the day-to-day operations of the company, its customers, or the public generally. There will likewise be no customer or public confusion from this change; nor is any action required by a customer or member of the public because of the change. Further, the change in corporate status will in no way affect service rates, terms, or the conditions on which SWBT provides service in Kansas.

5. SWBT will provide the Commission with copies of all filings made with the Kansas Secretary of State because of the described conversion.

6. Because of the change in corporate status, SWBT requests that it be allowed to submit new, fully amended or replacement tariffs reflecting the change in status and name, where necessary, within 90-days following the May 1, 2024, effective date.

WHEREFORE, SWBT respectfully requests an Order of the Commission approving this Application and reflecting SWBT's changed corporate structure and name in all company references, including on its CCA and in all future Commission proceedings, effective May 1, 2024.

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FURTHER, SWBT respectfully requests that it be granted a 90-day period following the May 1, 2024, effective date, in which to file, where necessary, any amended replacement tariffs reflecting the change in corporate status and name.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERIFICATION**

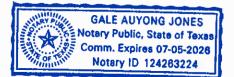
I, Javier Rodriguez, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, now state: I am Area Manager–Regulatory Relations and have read the Notice and Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and verify the statements contained herein to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Javier Rodriguez** 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February 2024.

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My appointment expires: 7/5/2026



## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a correct copy of the Notice and Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was sent via electronic mail on this 1st day of February 2024, to:

STEVE GARRETT Interim Chief of Telecommunications Utilities Division Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, KS 66604-4027 Fax: 785-271-3357 s.garrett@kcc.ks.gov

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