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**VIA FAX AND CERTIFIED MAIL
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1875 Lawrence Street, Room 15-21
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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Subject: Comprehensive Agreement Termination Between AT&T Communications of the Southwest Inc. and GTE Midwest Incorporated, a Delaware corporation (GTE)

On July 8, 1999, Spectra Communications Group, LLC ("Spectra") as buyer, agreed to purchase from GTE Network Services ("GTE") as seller, certain telephone operations and related assets located in the state of Missouri including those covered by the above described agreement ("Agreement").

CenturyTel of Monroe, La., and Local Exchange Carriers (LEC), LLC, of Kansas City, Mo., also will be partners in Spectra Communications, specifically to provide the new company operational, financial and management support.

Spectra will purchase 107 GTE local exchanges and 116,149 access lines in Missouri.

The exchanges purchased include Amazonia, Annapolis, Arcola, Aurora, Avenue City, Avilla, Belgrade, Belleview, Birch Tree, Bolckow, Boss, Braymer, Bronaugh, Brunswick-Triplett, Bunker, Caledonia, Cameron, Canton, Centerville, Clarence, Clarksdale, Collins, Concordia, Cosby, Dadeville, Dalton, Easton, Edgar Springs, Eldorado Springs, Ellsinore, Elmer, Eminence, Everton, Ewing, Fillmore, Freemont, Golden City, Gorin, Gower, Greenfield, Grove Spring, Hamilton, Hartville, Helena, Houston, Humansville, Hunnewell, Irondale, Ironton, Jerico Springs, Kahoka, Keytesville, Kidder, Kingston, La Belle, La Plata, Laddonia, Lagrange, Lawson, Lesterville, Lewistown, Licking, Lowry City, Macon, Manes, Maysville, Milo, Monroe City, Montauk, Monticello, Mount Vernon, Mountain Grove, Nebo, Norwood, Oates, Osborn, Osceola, Palmyra, Paris, Perry, Plattsburg, Potosi, Raymondville, Revere, Roby, Rockville, Rosendale, Santa Fe, Sarcoxie, Savannah, Schell City, Shelbyville, Sheldon, Stewartville, Stoutsville, Timbers, Trimble, Turney, Van Buren, Vanzant, Walker, Wayland, Weaubleau, West Quincy, Whitesville, and Winona.

Spectra Will be contacting you by separate letter regarding renegotiation of your agreement.

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If there are any questions or you feel the need to discuss this information further with a GTE representative, please contact Nick Schmidt at 972-718-4927 or Doug Inscho at 972-718-5870.

Vary truly yours,

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