BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 40G 2 4 1999 OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI Service Ouri Public Commission

In the matter of the Joint Application) of GTE Midwest Incorporated and) Spectra Communications Group LLC) for authority to transfer and acquire) part of GTE Midwest Incorporated's franchise, facilities or system located in) the State of Missouri and for issuance of certificates of service authority to Spectra) **Communications Group LLC and for**) authority for Spectra Communications) Group LLC to borrow an amount not to) exceed \$250,000,000 from CenturyTel,) Inc, and in connection therewith to) execute a Telephone Loan Contract,) Promissory Notes, and a Mortgage,) Security Agreement and Financing) Statement.)

Case No. <u>TM-2000</u>-182

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MOTION FOR WAIVER OF 4 CSR 240-2.080(1)

Comes now Spectra Communications Group, LLC, ("Spectra" or "Applicant") and moves the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to grant its Motion for Waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.080(1) in the above-referenced case. In support thereof, Applicant respectfully states to the Commission as follows:

1. On this same date, Applicant is filing a Joint Application with the Commission wherein GTE Midwest Incorporated ("GTE") requests authority to transfer and Spectra requests authority to acquire part of GTE's franchise, facilities and system located in the State of Missouri and for issuance of certificates of authority to provide telecommunications services to Spectra. In this Application, Spectra also requests authority to borrow an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 from CenturyTel, Inc.

2. As Exhibit 2 to the Joint Application, Spectra is filing the Asset Purchase Agreement between GTE and Spectra with all its attachments. This Asset Purchase Agreement and its attachments consists of close to 400 pages of documents which will be filed as "proprietary" pursuant to a request for a protective order filed on this same date. Spectra will also attach to the Joint Application as Exhibit 7 exchange boundary maps for the 107 exchanges to be transferred. This exhibit is not only voluminous, but these maps are of uneven size and difficult to copy.

3. For these reasons, Applicant requests that the Commission grant a waiver of its rule of Practice and Procedure, 4 CSR 240-2.080(1), which requires that an original and fourteen copies be filed with the Commission. Applicant has included with the Joint Application an original and five (5) copies of both Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 7. An original and fourteen copies of the Joint Application and all other exhibits have been provided.

Wherefore, Spectra respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.080(1) requiring fourteen copies of all documents filed with the Commission and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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