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RE: Case No. TO-2000-599

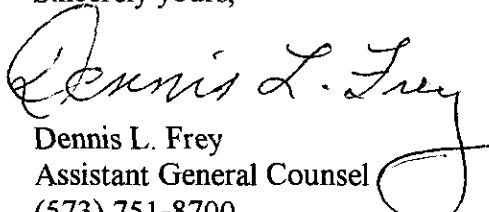
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO WITHDRAW PLEADING AND TO SUBSTITUTE STAFF MEMORANDUM.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Request of GTE)
Midwest Incorporated – Iowa Operations)
for an Extension of Time to File Annual)
Report.)

Case No. TO-2000-599

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AND TO SUBSTITUTE STAFF MEMORANDUM

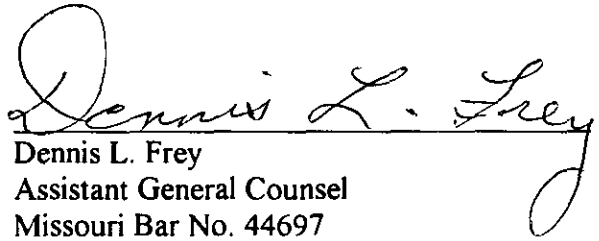
COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and for its Motion to Withdraw Pleading and to Substitute Staff Memorandum, respectfully states:

1. On April 14, 2000, the Staff inadvertently filed in this docket a Motion to Close Case that pertains to another docket. Staff hereby requests to withdraw said April 14th Motion and substitute its Memorandum.
2. The Staff apologizes for any confusion that may have been caused by the error.
3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order granting the Request for Extension of Time to File Annual Report of GTE Midwest Incorporated – Iowa Operations ("GTE"), filed on March 24, 2000.
4. Upon reviewing the GTE's Request and supporting information, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080 and 4CSR 240-2.060(11), the Staff is of the opinion that GTE has demonstrated good cause for the granting of such extension.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order granting GTE's request for an extension of time to file its 1999 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

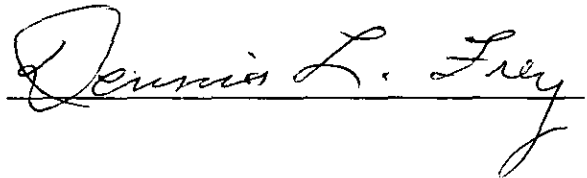
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 17th day of April, 2000.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-599
GTE Midwest Inc.

FROM: Roy Boltz, Accounting Department *RB 4/11/00*
Bob Schallenberg by memo 4/11/00
Director, Utility Services Division/Date
Wm K Haas 4/17/00 D.L.F.
General Counsel's Office/Date *4-17-00*

SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Annual Report Extension Filing

DATE: April 11, 2000

On March 24, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated – Iowa Operations filed a letter requesting an extension of thirty (30) days to file their 1999 Annual Report. The Company's reason for an extension is due to the Joint Application now pending before the Missouri Public Service Commission in Case No. TM-2000-403 in which the Company proposes to sell all 296 of GTE's local telephone exchanges located in the State of Iowa, three of which include approximately 105 access lines that serve customers physically located in Missouri. The extension will allow for complete and proper preparation of the Annual Report.

The Company's request was forwarded to the following employees to see if they had any objections to granting the request: Ron Bible, Cary Featherstone, Denny Frey, Janet Hoerschgen, John Van Eschen, Greg Meyer, Mark Oligschlaeger, Steve Rackers, Joan Wandel and Lisa Kremer. No objections to the request were received.

The Staff's recommendation is to approve the request. The Staff recommends including a statement that the Company needs to strive to meet known deadlines in the future.

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