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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of AT&T Communications of the )  
Southwest, Inc.'s Petition for Arbitration )  
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecom- ) Case No. TO-97-63  
munications act of 1996 to Establish an )  
Interconnection Agreement between AT&T )  
Communications of the Southwest, Inc., and )  
GTE Midwest Incorporated. )

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE CASE**

On July 22, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Approving Interconnection Agreement. Ordered Paragraph 4 stated "[t]hat the request of the parties to defer resolution of the issue of recombination of unbundled network elements until the appeal pending before the U.S. Supreme Court has been decided is granted." The Commission issued an order on May 4, 2000, directing that the parties file a report updating the Commission as to the status of the case.

On June 5, 2000, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed a letter indicating that GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) had authorized it to make this filing on behalf of both AT&T and GTE. In the letter, AT&T states that the Commission need take no action on the UNE combination issue at this time, as AT&T has opted to renegotiate the requirements of the new UNE Rule 51.319 in the context of negotiating replacement interconnection agreements with GTE across the country.

Based on the information provided by AT&T, the Commission finds that no further action of the Commission is required and that this case may be closed. However, this case may be reopened at a later date should the

parties so request. Any party may file an objection to the Commission's intent to close this case no later than June 29, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19th day of June, 2000.

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge