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July 6, 2000

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 301 West High Street, Floor 5A Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Case No. TC-2000-767

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and eight copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Response to GTE Midwest Incorporated's Request for Mediation

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return the copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

Mimi B. MacDonald

Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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| Stone County Emergency Services, |) | |
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| Complainant, | Service Commission | |
| v. |) Case No. TC-2000-767 | |
| GTE Midwest Incorporated and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, |))) | |
| Respondents. |) | |

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED'S REQUEST FOR MEDIATION

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") and, for its Response to GTE Midwest Incorporated's Request for Mediation, states as follows:

- 1. On May 18, 2000, Stone County Emergency Services filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") against GTE Midwest Incorporated ("GTE") and SWBT.
- 2. In GTE's Answer, GTE requests that any outstanding issues between the parties be referred to mediation.
- 3. SWBT accepts GTE's request for mediation and respectfully requests the Commission to: (a) grant GTE's request for mediation; and (b) stay this proceeding pending the mediation process.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company prays the Commission grants GTE's request for mediation, together with any additional relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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