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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Subject: TC-2000-767

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and 8 copies of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest's Motion for Continuance of Prehearing Conference and Motion for Expedited Treatment in the above referenced case.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Pagliara

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Stone County Emergency Services,)
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Complainant,)
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v.)
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GTE Midwest Incorporated and)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,)
)
Respondents.)

Case No.: TC-2000-767

**VERIZON MIDWEST'S MOTION FOR
CONTINUANCE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest ("Verizon Midwest")¹ submits the following Motion for Continuance of Prehearing Conference and Motion for Expedited Treatment, and in support thereof states:

1. On July 26, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its Order Granting Motion for Continuance of the Prehearing Conference, in which it rescheduled the prehearing conference in this docket from August 2, 2000 to August 7, 2000.

2. Verizon Midwest seeks a short continuance of the August 7, 2000 prehearing conference for two reasons: (1) because Verizon Midwest has learned that its local outside counsel² and staff person who were planning to attend the conference have a scheduling conflict on August 7; and (2) so that the Commission will have an opportunity to consider and rule on Verizon Midwest's pending Motion to Dismiss before the prehearing conference. Verizon

¹ As of August 1, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated is known as Verizon Midwest.

² Verizon Midwest has asked local attorney James M. Fischer, of the firm Fischer & Dority, to represent it at the prehearing conference. Mr. Fischer has not yet entered an appearance in this matter.

Midwest requests that the prehearing conference be rescheduled to Thursday, August 10, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

3. Counsel for Verizon Midwest contacted counsel for Stone County Emergency Services, counsel for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the Office of Public Counsel, and counsel for the Commission staff about this request for continuance. No one has any objection to the proposed continuance.

4. Because the currently scheduled prehearing conference is imminent, Verizon Midwest also requests expedited treatment of this Motion for Continuance pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 (17). Verizon Midwest requests that the Commission rule on this Motion on or before Friday, August 4, 2000, so that it may locate available counsel if the Motion is not granted. There will be no negative effect on Verizon Midwest's customers or the general public if the Commission rules on this Motion by the requested date. This Motion for Continuance was filed as soon as Verizon Midwest learned of the scheduling conflicts discussed in paragraph 2.

WHEREFORE, GTE respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Continuance of Prehearing Conference and Motion for Expedited Treatment. GTE also requests that the Commission grant any further relief that it deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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