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January 3, 2000

**Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts** Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge **Missouri Public Service Commission** P O Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Attn:

Nila Hagemeyer, Records Manager

RE:

Case # TC-2000-155

Hi Nila,

Thanks for your Help. The attached letter is Barton County's response to GTE's November 5, 1999 letter regarding case # TC-2000-155. The hard copy is in the U.S. Mail and you will receive it tomorrow, January 4, 2000.

Thank you

Dennis Wilson

**Barton County Commission** 

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Enclosed One original and 14 copies



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November 15, 1999

Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P O Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE:

Case # TC-2000-155

Miller v. GTE Midwest Incorporated

Honorable Judge Roberts:

Barton County is in no way close to being satisfied with the performance of GTE. The authorization was sent out by Barton County to begin collecting taxes for 911 on October 1, 1991. This went to all phone companies that provide service inside of Barton County to tax that local service a rate of 15%. All phone companies seemed familiar with this procedure.

After a couple of years, Barton County was made aware that people in Vernon County Missouri were paying 911 taxes to GTE for Barton County. When GTE was notified, they responded that they would correct it immediately. A couple of years later, Barton County discovered that the residents of Vernon County served by GTE were still paying 911 taxes. When contacted, GTE said they did not know how to tell who was living in either Barton or Vernon County. Barton County agreed to review and forward a list of all those with GTE service and show in which county the service was located. GTE acknowledged receiving the list and stated they would work on it immediately.

A year later, Barton County discovered that Vernon County residents were still paying Barton County 911 taxes. Called GTE again, they explained that they still could not distinguish between Barton and Vernon County residents. Again, Barton County would supply a list and send it to GTE.

Guess what happened a year later? RIGHT! Vernon County residents still paying Barton County 911 taxes. Did the list again and sent it "Return Receipt Requested".

Then, in August 1999 a Vernon County resident approached the Barton County Commission about still having to pay 911 taxes for Barton County. Enough is Enough, GTE needs to fix this problem and prove to some authority that it has been corrected.

Sincerely,

Gerry Miller, Presiding Commissioner

John Stockdale, Eastern District Commissioner

Dennis Wilson, Western District Commissioner

Attest:

Bonda Rawlings, County Clerk

cc: Steven Kaderly, Barton County Prosecuting Attorney