

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

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

Case No. TC-2000-767

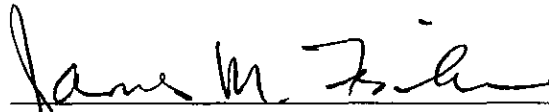
**RESPONSE OF GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED  
d/b/a VERIZON MIDWEST TO STAFF REPORT**

COMES NOW GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest ("GTE" or "Verizon Midwest"), and for its Response to Staff Report filed on September 29, 2000, states as follows:

1. On September 29, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") filed its Confidential Staff Memorandum and Motion to Open Staff Memorandum to Public Inspection. The Staff also attached its Staff Report detailing the results of its Staff investigation. Based upon the results of the investigation, the Staff recommended that the Commission dismiss Stone County's Complaint against GTE.

2. As its Response to the Staff Report, Verizon Midwest wishes to inform the Commission that it agrees with the conclusions of the Staff, contained in the Staff Report, and recommends dismissal of Stone County's Complaint in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2000, to:

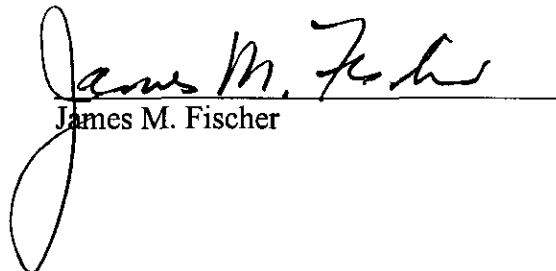
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