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GTE states that this agreement is similar in all material respects to other resale agreements which have been previously approved by the Commission. GTE requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Universal Telecom is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Universal Telecom is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will make Universal Telecom a party to this case.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed twenty (20) days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing or an application to participate without intervention. Participation may be permitted for the limited purpose of filing comments addressing whether this agreement meets the federal standards for approval of interconnection agreements. The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2D 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within ninety (90) days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously and, if there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than March 27, 2000 with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102-0360

and send copies to:

Tracy D. Pagliara, Esq.  
GTE Midwest Incorporated  
GTE Arkansas Incorporated  
601 Monroe Street  
Suite 304  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-03202

Legal Department  
Universal Telecom, Inc.  
105 East Adams Building II, Suite 200  
LaGrange, Kentucky 40031-0679

and:

Office of the Public Counsel  
Post Office Box 7800  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800

3. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than 3:00 p.m. April 25, 2000.

4. That Universal Telecom, Inc. is made a party to this case.

5. That this order shall become effective on March 17, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale H. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale H. Roberts  
Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)  
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7th day of March, 2000.