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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of GTE Midwest )  
Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated for )  
Approval of Interconnection Agreement with ) Case No. TO-2000-684  
New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks )  
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommuni- )  
cations Act of 1996. )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ADDING A PARTY**

GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated (collectively referred to as GTE) filed an application with the Commission on April 26, 2000, for approval of an interconnection agreement with New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge), under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). GTE states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. GTE requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

The Act provides that an interconnection agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Although New Edge is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. The Commission will make New Edge a party to this case. New Edge is also directed to file a pleading specifying its contact person, including address, along with the address of its principal place of business.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 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 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 Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks is made a party to this case.

3. That the Records Department shall add to the service list New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks, 3000 Columbia House Blvd., Suite 106, Vancouver, Washington 98661.

4. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than May 30, 2000, with:

Dale H. Roberts, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102

and send copies to:

Tracy D. Pagliara, Esq.  
GTE Network Services  
601 Monroe Street, Suite 304  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-3202

and:

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

5. 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 July 5, 2000.

6. That this order shall become effective on May 19, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, 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 9th day of May, 2000.