

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
June 23, 2000**

CASE NO: TC-2000-767

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Stone County Emergency Services,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-2000-767</u>
)	
GTE Midwest Incorporated and)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE TO MEDIATION REQUEST

On May 18, 2000, Stone County Emergency Services filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). On May 31, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a notice indicating that it intends to be an active participant in this complaint. On June 22, GTE and SWBT each filed answers to the Complaint.

In its answer GTE requests that any outstanding issues between the parties be referred to mediation. If the other parties agree to mediation of this dispute, then this proceeding will be stayed pending the mediation process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Stone County Emergency Services, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and the Office of the Public Counsel shall accept or

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decline GTE Midwest Incorporated's request for mediation by filing a response no later than July 10, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 3, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, 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 23rd day of June, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 23rd day of June 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

