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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of GTE Midwest)
Incorporated - Iowa Operations for an) Case No. TO-2000-599
Extension of Time to File Annual Report)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

On March 24, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated - Iowa Operations (GTE Iowa) filed its Request for Extension of Time to File Annual Report. In support of its request, GTE Iowa alleges that a Joint Application already pending before this Commission, Case No. TM-2000-403, in which GTE Iowa seeks to sell all of its 296 exchanges located in Iowa¹ to Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., has caused GTE Iowa to be unable to file an accurate annual report by April 15, 2000.

On April 17, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Memorandum.² Staff states that it does not oppose the extension request and recommends that it be granted. Staff believes that the explanation offered by GTE Iowa constitutes good cause. Staff notes that this company should be urged to meet known deadlines in the future.

¹Three of these exchanges include a total of 105 access lines that serve customers physically located in Missouri.

²Staff filed a Motion to Withdraw Pleading and to Substitute Staff Memorandum because a Motion to Close Case had been erroneously filed in this case.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(1) requires that "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year." Telecommunications utilities are required to file annual reports on a form provided by the Commission, or on an acceptable computer-generated replica thereof, and to provide all requested information. 4 CSR 240-10.080(4). A utility that is unable to comply by April 15 may present a written request for an extension. 4 CSR 240-10.080(8).

Having considered all of the foregoing, the Commission will grant the requested extension. The Commission stresses that GTE Iowa should strive in the future to meet known and required filing deadlines.

Neither GTE Iowa nor Staff addresses the precise length of extension required. The Commission will not grant an open-ended extension. In the absence of any guidance on this point from the parties, the Commission will grant an extension limited to three months.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Withdraw Pleading and Substitute Staff Memorandum, filed herein on April 17, 2000, is granted.
2. That GTE Midwest Incorporated - Iowa Operations is granted an extension of the annual report filing requirement contained in Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), up to and including July 15, 2000, by which time it shall file its 1999 annual report with the Commission.
3. That this order shall become effective on May 9, 2000.

4. That this case may be closed on May 10, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
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 27th day of April, 2000.