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

In the Matter of the Application of QWEST)
COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, for a Certificate)
of Authority to Provide Basic Local and Local) Case No. TA-2000-309
Exchange Intrastate Telecommunications)
Services within the State of Missouri.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (QWEST or Applicant) applied to the Commission on October 29, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide competitive basic local and local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri pursuant to Sections 392.430, 392.440, RSMo 1994, and 392.450 and 392.451, RSMo Supp. 1999. QWEST requested competitive classification and an order waiving certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. QWEST seeks to provide its services throughout all exchanges currently served by the incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), Sprint/United Telephone Company (Sprint), and GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE).

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on November 2, 1999, directing interested parties wishing to intervene to do so by December 2, 1999. SWBT filed a timely application to intervene on December 1, 1999. The Commission granted intervention in an order issued on December 8, 1999.

Applicant, SWBT and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) entered into and filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement), on January 7, 2000. The Staff filed Suggestions in Support

of the Stipulation and Agreement on January 12, 2000. The Commission determined that it desired additional information prior to considering approval of the application. On February 1, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Directing Additional Staff Review and Directing Filing.

The Staff filed its report on March 9, 2000. Staff indicated that it would evaluate whether to revise its suggestions in support of the stipulation and agreement based on the Applicant's response. The Applicant filed its response on March: 21, 2000.

Staff will be directed to provide its revised or supplemental suggestions or indicate that it is not supplementing its suggestions by a date certain. The Applicant will be provided time to file a response, if desired, to Staff's suggestions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's Staff shall file its revised or supplemental suggestions no later than April 5, 2000.
2. That QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION may file a response to Staff's revised or supplemental suggestions no later than April 10, 2000.
3. That this order shall become effective on March 29, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Keith Thornburg, 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 29th day of March, 2000.