

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application )  
of GTE Midwest Incorporated and Spectra )  
Communications Group LLC for Authority to )  
Transfer and Acquire Part of GTE Midwest )  
Incorporated's Franchise, Facilities or )  
System Located in the State of Missouri and )  
for Issuance of Certificates of Service )  
Authority to Spectra Communications Group )  
LLC and for Authority for Spectra Communica- )  
tions Group LLC to Borrow an Amount not to )  
Exceed \$250,000,000 from CenturyTel, Inc., )  
and in Connection Therewith to Execute a )  
Telephone Loan Contract, Promissory Notes, )  
and a Mortgage, Security Agreement and )  
Financing Statement. )

Case No. TM-2000-182

**ORDER ADOPTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

On January 27, 2000, an evidentiary hearing was held in this matter. Although some discussion of a briefing schedule was had at the close of the hearing, a briefing schedule remains to be set. Therefore, mindful of the points raised in the aforementioned discussion, the Commission will set the following briefing schedule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That any party may file a brief in this matter, not exceeding 30 pages in length, not later than 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2000. There will be no reply briefs.

2. That this order shall become effective on February 11, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.

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