

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: TA-2000-309

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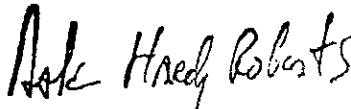
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 ADDITIONAL STAFF REVIEW
AND 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).

Applicant is a Delaware Corporation registered to transact business in Missouri, with its principal offices located at 555 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. Applicant seeks classification as a

competitive company and waiver of certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo¹.

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's authority to approve and grant a certificate of service authority is conditioned on the Commission's finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest. Section 392.440, RSMo. Before the Commission makes this finding, the Commission desires additional information.

Staff shall review and determine whether QWEST has either pending or final decisions or judgments against it from any state or federal agency involving service and marketing to customers or rates charged. The Applicant shall cooperate with Staff by providing this type of information upon Staff's request. Staff shall file a memorandum summarizing this information. If this information would affect Staff's suggestions

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994, unless otherwise indicated.

previously filed on January 12, 2000, Staff may supplement its suggestions in its memorandum providing this information.

Staff shall file its memorandum by February 16, . 2000. QWEST may file a response by February 28, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's Staff shall conduct a review and file a memorandum as describe in this Order.
2. That QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION shall cooperate with the Staff inquiry and may file a response to the Staff memorandum as described in this Order.
3. That this order shall become effective on February 14, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 1st day of February, 2000.

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**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 1st day of FEBRUARY 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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

