

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
January 4, 2001**

**CASE NO: TO-2001-371**

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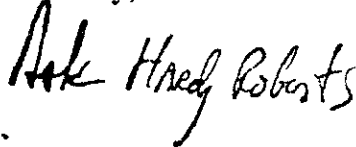
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**Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.**  
Attention: Mr. Alex Valencia  
14681 Midway Road, Suite 145  
Addison, TX 75001

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

**Sincerely,**



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

**Uncertified copies:**

**To all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies**

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
GTE Midwest Inc., d/b/a Verizon Midwest, for )  
Approval of an Interconnection Agreement With ) Case No. TO-2001-371  
Preferred Services, Inc., Pursuant to )  
Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act )  
of 1996. )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE**  
**AND MAKING PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC., A PARTY**

On December 22, 2000, GTE Midwest Inc., d/b/a Verizon Midwest (Verizon), filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. (PCS), under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Verizon states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. Verizon requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although PCS is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because PCS is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add PCS as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent

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with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C.  
§ 252(e).

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2D 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously and, if there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., is made a party to this case.
3. That any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than January 24, 2001, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Thomas R. Parker, Esq.  
GTE Midwest Inc., d/b/a Verizon Midwest  
601 Monroe Street, Suite 304  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-3202

Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.  
Attention: Mr. Alex Valencia  
14681 Midway Road, Suite 145  
Addison, Texas 75001

and:

Office of the Public Counsel  
Post Office Box 7800  
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4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than February 13, 2001.

5. That this order shall become effective on January 14, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

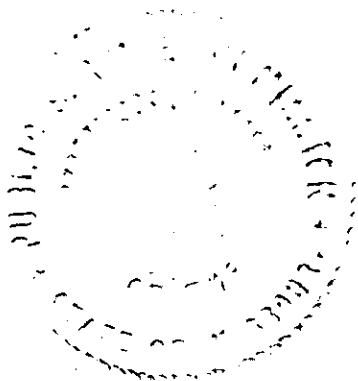
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4th day of January, 2001.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 2001.



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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