

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
November 29, 1999**

**CASE NO: TO-2000-332**

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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**

**Uncertified Copies:**

**To all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies in the State of Missouri.**

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

In the Matter of the Application of GTE	)	
Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas	)	
Incorporated for Approval of an	)	<u>Case No. TO-2000-332</u>
Interconnection Agreement with Sprint	)	
Spectrum L.P. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of	)	
the Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING SPRINT A PARTY**

On November 18, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated (GTE) filed an Application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for approval of an interconnection agreement with Sprint Spectrum L.P. (Sprint) under the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). GTE 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.

The Act provides that an interconnection 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 with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Although Sprint is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Sprint is a necessary party to a full and fair

adjudication of this matter, the Commission will make Sprint a party to this case.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed twenty (20) days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing or an application to participate without intervention. Participation may be permitted for the limited purpose of filing comments addressing whether this agreement meets the federal standards for approval of interconnection agreements. 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 ninety (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 Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than December 20, 1999 with:

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Missouri Public Service Commission  
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and send copies to:

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and:

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3. 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 January 28, 2000.

4. That Sprint Spectrum L.P. is made a party to this case.

5. That this order shall become effective on December 9, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale H. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale H. Roberts  
Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 November, 1999.

**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 29th day of November 1999.**



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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