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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 21st  
day of July, 1998.

In the Matter of the Local Exchange Telecom- )  
munications Companies' Modernization Plans ) Case No. TO-93-309  
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-32.100. )

In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE )  
Midwest Incorporated and Ozark Telephone Company )  
for Authority to Transfer and Acquire Part of ) Case No. TM-95-134 ✓  
GTE Midwest Incorporated's Missouri Franchise, )  
Facilities or System Located in the State of )  
Missouri. )  
)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CEASE FILING  
OF MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

The Commission granted an extension of time for the filing of a  
Modernization Plan by Ozark Telephone Company (Ozark) on September 25,  
1997. This extension was necessary as Ozark was experiencing problems  
with the financing arrangements for its modernization plan, requiring a  
change from the original lender to the Rural Utility Services (RUS).  
Ozark indicated it was awaiting a response from the RUS regarding its  
loan and that this loan was necessary to finance its modernization  
efforts. As part of the Order Granting Extension of Time to Complete  
Modernization Plan, the Commission required Ozark to file monthly updates  
on the progress of its negotiations with RUS regarding financing.

On June 10, 1998, Ozark filed Ozark Telephone Company's Update  
on Status of Financing and Modernization (Update). In the Update, Ozark  
reported to the Commission that it had obtained the requested financing

from the RUS and had filed an application requesting approval of this financing with the Commission on June 5. Ozark also asked the Commission to end the monthly update filing requirement put in place by its September 25, 1997 order.

The Commission has reviewed Ozark's request and finds that it should be granted. The Commission finds that Ozark successfully complied with the filing requirement and that no further update on its status is necessary.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Ozark Telephone Company's request for an end to the monthly update filing requirement regarding the status of its requested RUS financing is granted.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 31, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,  
Murray and Schemenauer, CC.,  
concur.

Harper, Regulatory Law Judge

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