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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 January, 1999.

In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE)
Midwest Incorporated, GTE Arkansas Incorporated)
and Digital Teleport, Inc. for Approval of)
Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agree-)
ment Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
Case No. TO-98-388

ORDER REGARDING STAFF MEMORANDUM

GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated, hereinafter referred to collectively as "GTE," and Digital Teleport, Inc. (DTI) filed a Joint Application on March 11, 1998, requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve an interconnection agreement (Agreement) between GTE and DTI. The Agreement, which addresses interconnection as well as resale of services and unbundling of network elements, was filed pursuant to Section 252(e)(1) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). See 47 U.S.C. § 251, et seq.

The Commission conditionally approved the interconnection, resale and unbundling agreement between GTE and DTI, by Order Approving Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement issued on June 4, 1998. The approval was conditioned on the parties amending their Agreement by interlineation no later than June 15, 1998, to include the notice provisions described in the Commission's Order. The parties were also directed to file pleadings addressing how the Commission should resolve the issue of traffic reporting and compensation to incumbent local

exchange carriers (LECs) for wireless carrier traffic that transits the parties' networks.

On July 13, the parties filed a Joint Notice of Amendment by Interlineation of Interconnection Agreement. On July 15, GTE filed a Response of GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated, regarding traffic reporting and compensation to incumbent LECs for wireless carrier traffic that transits the parties' networks.

To date, the Commission has not received a Staff memorandum regarding the Joint Notice of Amendment or GTE's July 15 pleading. The Commission believes that a Staff memorandum regarding the amendment, and addressing the Response of GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated, would be helpful. Therefore, the Commission directs the Staff file a memorandum addressing: 1) whether the Joint Notice of Amendment, filed July 13, satisfactorily addresses the concerns noted in the Commission's Order Approving Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement; and 2) the resolution of the issues of traffic reporting and compensation to incumbent LECs for wireless carrier traffic that transits the parties' networks.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff is directed to file, by February 22, 1999, a memorandum addressing: 1) the Joint Notice of Amendment; and 2) the resolution of the issue of traffic reporting and compensation to incumbent local exchange carriers for wireless carrier traffic that transits the parties' networks.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 21, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge