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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Mark Twain)
Communications Company for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecom-) Case No. TA-98-305
munications Service in Portions of the State of)
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the)
Company as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Mark Twain Communications Company (MTCC) filed an application on January 22, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, MTCC wishes to provide facilities-based, and possibly resold, services in all the exchanges currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). The Commission issued an order and notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than February 27.

GTE filed a timely application to intervene. GTE states that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. GTE states that its interest differs from that of the general public.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that GTE's request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a

proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That GTE Midwest Incorporated is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 16, 1998. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.

3. That this order shall be effective on March 17, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Amy E. Randles, 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 17th day of March, 1998.

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