

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

In the Matter of the Application of QWEST )  
COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, for a Certificate )  
of Authority to Provide Basic Local and Local ) Case No. TA-2000-309  
Exchange Intrastate Telecommunications )  
Services within the State of Missouri. )

**ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR STAFF REVIEW**

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (QWEST or Applicant) applied to the Commission on October 29, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide competitive basic local and local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri pursuant to Sections 392.430, 392.440, RSMo 1994, and 392.450 and 392.451, RSMo Supp. 1999. QWEST requested competitive classification and an order waiving certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. QWEST seeks to provide its services throughout all exchanges currently served by the incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), Sprint/United Telephone Company (Sprint), and GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE).

Applicant is a Delaware Corporation registered to transact business in Missouri, with its principal offices located at 555 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. Applicant seeks classification as a competitive company and waiver of certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994, unless otherwise indicated.

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on November 2, 1999, directing interested parties wishing to intervene to do so by December 2, 1999. SWBT filed a timely application to intervene on December 1, 1999. The Commission granted intervention in an order issued on December 8, 1999.

Applicant, SWBT and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) entered into and filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement), on January 7, 2000. The Staff filed Suggestions in Support of the Stipulation and Agreement on January 12, 2000.

The Commission determined that it desired additional information prior to acting on the application and issued its Order Directing Additional Staff Review and Directing Filing on February 2, 2000. On February 16, 2000, the Commission's Staff filed a motion requesting additional time for the Applicant to produce requested information and to allow Staff time to review the information. This request shall be granted.

Staff shall file its memorandum by March 9, 2000. QWEST may file a response by March 21, 2000.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission's Staff shall conduct a review and file a memorandum as described in the Commission's order issued February 2, 2000, and the filing date for the memorandum is extended to March 9, 2000.

2. That QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION shall cooperate with the Staff inquiry and may file a response to the Staff memorandum no later than March 21, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 7, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

( S E A L )

Keith Thornburg, 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 23rd day of March, 2000.