STATE OF MISSOURI **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY** April 6, 1999

General Counsel

CASE NO: TM-99-261

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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copy:

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6th day of April, 1999.

In the Matter of the Proposed Merger) Case No. TK-99-261 between GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic.)

ORDER CLOSING CASE

On December 9, 1998, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a motion to establish a case for the purpose of investigating the proposed merger between Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation, the parent of GTE Midwest Incorporated. On December 18, GTE Midwest Incorporated filed a response in which it requests that the Commission summarily deny Public Counsel's motion to establish a case.

On December 31, the Commission notified Public Counsel that it could respond to GTE Midwest Incorporated's response no later than January 7, 1999. Public Counsel did not file such a response. No action has taken place since the Commission's December 31 notice and no party has requested a continuance. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(2), this case will be dismissed for failure to proscoute.

When the information is available, the Commission encourages GTE to inform the Commission about the economic and job impacts of the merger on Missouri.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That this case is dismissed pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(2).
- 2. That this order shall become effective on April 16, 1999.
- That this case may be closed on April 19, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Chair & Commissioner &

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 6TH day of APRIL, 1999.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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