

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 30th
day of July, 1993.

In the matter of GTE Midwest Incorporated's)
tariff sheets designed to waive service) CASE NO. TT-94-22
charges for customers affected by a natural)
disaster.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

On July 22, 1993, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE Midwest) submitted proposed tariff revisions for four former companies which were previously merged into GTE Midwest, including GTE North Incorporated, GTE Missouri, GTE Systems of Missouri, and GTE of Eastern Missouri. The purpose of these proposed revisions is to add language to waive service charges for the establishment of service at an interim location, in addition to the subsequent re-establishment of service at the same or another location, when such establishment or re-establishment of service is due to the destruction of the customer's premises by a natural disaster, flood, or other acts of God. GTE Midwest requests that the Commission grant a variance from full compliance with the terms of 4 CSR 240-30.060 and accept the proposed tariff sheets for filing without the minimum filing requirements, and also requests expedited approval of the tariff sheets due to the urgent nature of its customers' situation.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on July 28, 1993, stating therein that the Staff has no objections to the proposed tariff filings and no objections to GTE's request for expedited Commission consideration of this proposal, and thus recommends approval of the proposed tariff filings at the Commission's earliest convenience, with the tariff to become effective immediately concurrent with Commission approval. Staff notes that essentially the service connection charge could be waived up to two times for flood victims,

once if the flooded customer were to establish telephone service at an interim location, and again if that customer were to re-establish service at either the original location or another location. Staff concludes that the tariff proposals should provide some rate relief for customers displaced by the current flooding conditions. Staff also states that it is unaware of any other filings which would affect or be affected by this proposal.

The Commission finds that the Staff's recommendation is appropriate, and that the tariff filings are just and reasonable. The Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff filings will assist flood victims in maintaining telephone service while they are displaced, and in re-establishing service after they have resettled. The Commission is also of the opinion that in order for the greatest number of flood victims to be able to take advantage of the service connection charge waivers, it is appropriate for the tariff filings to take effect immediately upon Commission approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheet filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated (formerly GTE North Incorporated) on July 22, 1993, be hereby approved to become effective July 30, 1993:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1 General Exchange Service Tariff

Section 2 - 5th Revised Sheet 5 Canceling 4th Revised Sheet 5.

2. That the following tariff sheet filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated (formerly GTE Missouri) on July 22, 1993, be hereby approved to become effective July 30, 1993:

P.S.C. MO. No. 10 General and Local Exchange Tariff

Section 6 - First Revised Sheet 2 Canceling Original Sheet 2.

3. That the following tariff sheet filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated (formerly GTE Systems of Missouri) on July 22, 1993, be hereby approved to become effective July 30, 1993:

P.S.C. MO. No. 3 General and Local Exchange Tariff

Section 6 - First Revised Sheet 3 Canceling Original Sheet 3.

4. That the following tariff sheet filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated (formerly GTE of Eastern Missouri) on July 22, 1993, be hereby approved to become effective July 30, 1993:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1 General and Local Exchange Tariff

Section 6 - First Revised Sheet 7 Canceling Original Sheet 7.

5. That this Order shall become effective on July 30, 1993.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

Brent Stewart
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
and Crumpton, CC., Concur.
Kincheloe, C., Absent.