

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 4th
day of August, 1995.

In the matter of the request for community optional)
service from GTE Midwest's Belgrade exchange to)
Steelville Telephone's Viburnum exchange; GTE)
Midwest's Potosi, Oates, Caladonia and Irondale)
exchanges; and Southwestern Bell Telephone's)
Richwoods exchange.)

CASE NO. TO-95-288

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Belgrade exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Belgrade exchange served by GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE) to the Potosi, Oates, Caladonia, and Irondale exchanges served by GTE, the Viburnum exchange served by Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and the Richwoods exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

By order issued March 29, 1995, the Commission directed GTE to perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle in order to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges to justify providing them with community optional service (COS).

On July 21, 1995, GTE filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Originating</u> <u>Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating</u> <u>Exchange</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Calls Per</u> <u>Access Line</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Making</u> <u>2+ Calls</u>
Belgrade	Potosi	11.84	62.62;
Belgrade	Oates	.07	1.46;
Belgrade	Caladonia	7.26	52.67;
Belgrade	Irondale	.50	8.50;
Belgrade	Viburnum	1.02	14.81;
Belgrade	Richwoods	.02	.24.

In its Report and Order issued in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission found that a community of interest would be demonstrated if a calling usage study showed that six calls per access line per month are made on the average from the petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the requested exchange. ***In re the investigation of experimental extended measured service (EMS)***, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 45 (1989).

Since the petitioned route did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that this case should be dismissed.

Even though the COS petition in this case has been dismissed, customers may still be provided expanded calling through a statewide expanded calling scope plan approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-92-306. The plan implements a Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield. The MCA service modifies and expands the Wide Area Service Plan currently in place in St. Louis and Kansas City. The plan also provides an Outstate Calling Area (OCA) service for those exchanges not included in an MCA. The OCA service is an optional service offered for expanded calling beyond a customer's local exchange within a 23-mile radius from each exchange's central office.

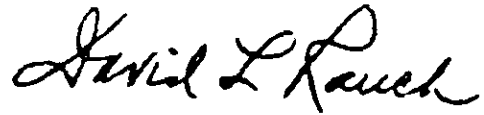
Inquiries concerning the expanded calling scope plan approved by the Commission should be directed to the Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this case is hereby dismissed.

2. That this Order shall become effective on August 15, 1995.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David L. Rauch".

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crumpton and Drainer, CC., Concur.