

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 22nd
day of March, 1996.

In the matter of the request for community)
optional service from GTE Midwest's Warrenton)
exchange to GTE Midwest's Foristell, Hawk Point,)
High Hill, Holstein, Jonesburg, Lake St. Louis,) CASE NO. TO-96-32
(Dardenne), Marthasville, Moscow Mills, New Melle,)
O'Fallon, St. Peters, Troy, Truston, Wentzville,)
and Wright City exchanges and Southwestern Bell)
Telephone's St. Charles exchange.)

ORDER OF IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTIAL DISMISSAL

On December 29, 1989, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-87-131 directing local exchange companies (LECs) in Missouri to offer community optional service (COS) in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. The Commission determined that a community of interest is demonstrated when an average of six calls per access line per month are made from petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls to the requested exchange per month.

On December 23, 1992, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-92-306 approving a statewide expanded calling scope plan. The plan, among other provisions, modified COS to a two-way service only and adjusted the rates for COS. The Commission also assigned primary toll carriers (PTCs) to implement COS in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest.

On August 1, 1995, the Commission received a petition signed by the residents of the Warrenton exchange served by GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE) requesting COS from the Warrenton exchange to the Foristell, Hawk Point, High Hill, Holstein, Jonesburg, Dardenne (Lake St. Louis), Marthasville, Moscow Mills, New Melle, O'Fallon, St. Peters, Troy, Truston, Wentzville, and Wright

City exchanges also served by GTE and the St. Charles exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). GTE is also the assigned PTC for all of these routes, except the Warrenton to St. Charles route for which SWBT is the assigned PTC.

On August 4, 1995, the Commission directed GTE to perform a calling usage study to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges. On December 5, 1995, GTE filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Original</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>
Warrenton	Foristell	12.59	66.81;
Warrenton	Hawk Point	1.68	20.86;
Warrenton	High Hill	.20	3.18;
Warrenton	Holstein	.75	9.41;
Warrenton	Jonesburg	1.79	19.50;
Warrenton	Dardenne	6.82	53.58;
	(Lake St. Louis)		
Warrenton	Marthasville	.51	7.96;
Warrenton	Moscow Mills	1.38	18.28;
Warrenton	New Mills	6.82	53.58;
Warrenton	O'Fallon	6.82	53.58;
Warrenton	St. Peters	8.53	59.87;
Warrenton	Troy	1.84	22.47;
Warrenton	Truston	.34	4.94;
Warrenton	Wentzville	6.82	53.58;
Warrenton	Wright City	4.54	36.40;
Warrenton	St. Charles	2.14	25.93.

On March 8, 1996, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that COS be implemented between Warrenton and Foristell within 120 days. Staff also recommended that the other routes be dismissed.

Inasmuch as the Warrenton to Foristell route has met the calling criteria set forth by the Commission in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission finds that a community of interest has been demonstrated. Thus, the Commission determines that COS should be implemented between the Warrenton

exchange and the Foristell exchange within 120 days after this Order is issued.

Furthermore, inasmuch as the remaining petitioned routes did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that those routes should be dismissed.

Even though some petitioned routes in this case have 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 GTE Midwest, Inc. shall implement community optional service between the Warrenton exchange and the Foristell exchange within 120 days after the issuance of this Order.

2. That the petition for community optional service from the Warrenton exchange to the Hawk Point, High Hill, Holstein, Jonesburg, Dardenne (Lake St. Louis), Marthasville, Moscow Mills, New Melle, O'Fallon, St. Peters, Troy, Truston, Wentzville, Wright City, and St. Charles exchanges is hereby dismissed.

3. That this Order shall become effective on April 2, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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