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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of GTE)
Communications Corporation for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Tele-) Case No. TA-98-152
communications Service in Portions of the State)
of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and)
and the Company as Competitive.)
)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

GTE Communications Corporation (GTECC) filed an application on October 9, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, GTECC wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE), and Sprint Missouri, Inc. (Sprint).¹ The Commission issued an Order and Notice on October 14, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than November 10. SWBT and MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed timely applications to intervene, and the Commission granted intervention to both SWBT and MCI on December 9. The parties were directed to file a procedural schedule no later than December 19. On December 19, GTECC filed a motion to extend the filing deadline for a procedural schedule to January 16, 1998, indicating it would either file a Stipulation and Agreement, or a proposed procedural schedule, on or before January 16.

¹ Formerly United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint.

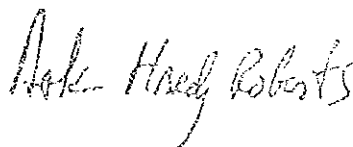
On January 15, GTECC filed another motion seeking to extend the time for filing until February 6, 1998. GTECC stated that it has been unable to finalize a stipulation and agreement with the other parties due to unexpected scheduling conflicts. GTECC states none of the other parties opposes this request.

The Commission finds GTECC's request is reasonable and concludes that no party will be prejudiced by granting the requested extension of time. Therefore, GTECC's Motion for Extension of Time will be granted. However, as this is the second request for extension which the Commission has granted, no further requests for extension on this matter will be considered.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Extension of Time filed by GTE Communications Corporation on January 15, 1998, is granted.
2. That the parties are directed to file either a Stipulation and Agreement or a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 6, 1998.
3. That this order shall be effective on January 30, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin F. Hennessey, 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 30th day of January, 1998.

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