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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into Various)
Issues Related to the Missouri Universal) Case No. TO-98-329
Service Fund.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO FILE DIRECT
TESTIMONY OUT OF TIME

On July 10, 1998, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) submitted a Motion For Leave to File Testimony Late (Motion). Included with the Motion was the late-filed testimony, originally due July 9. GTE indicated it had missed the filing deadline due to a scheduling error on the part of the overnight courier who was to deliver the testimony to the Commission. The courier's error caused the testimony to be delivered after 5:00 p.m. on July 9 so it was not filed until July 10.

The Commission has reviewed GTE's motion and finds that the request to file testimony after the deadline should be granted. This request is reasonable and will not prejudice any party to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion For Leave to File Testimony Late filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated on July 10, 1998 is granted.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 3, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Brian K. Harper, 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 3rd day of August, 1998.

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