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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) Case No. TA-98-152
Telecommunications Service in Portions of the)
State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services)
and the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On April 6, 1999, the Commission granted GTE Communications Corporation (GTECC) a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri. The Commission directed GTECC to file proposed tariff sheets bearing a 45-day effective date within 30 days of the issuance of the Commission's order approving an interconnection agreement between GTECC and an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company. On May 10, GTECC requested the Commission grant an extension of time to file the proposed tariff noting that the Commission had issued an order approving an interconnection agreement between GTECC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) on March 9. In its request, GTECC informed the Commission that the order approving interconnection agreement between GTECC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) was issued on March 9. GTECC requested the Commission extend the time for filing tariff sheets for at least 90 days. The Commission granted GTECC's request and extended the deadline for filing the proposed tariff to August 9.

On August 6, GTECC filed a second Request for Extension of Time to File Proposed Tariff. GTECC stated that it had made some progress towards filing its proposed tariff but due to other matters, GTECC was not able to complete the tariffs and file them by August 9. GTECC stated that it did not expect an extension of this filing deadline to cause a hardship for any party to this case and did not anticipate any party would oppose this request. No filings were received objecting to an extension of time to file the proposed tariffs.

The Commission has reviewed the request of GTECC and determines that it is not necessary to establish a specific period of time by which GTECC must file its proposed tariffs. GTECC may not operate as a competitive local exchange company until such tariff has been filed and approved by the Commission. Therefore, the Commission finds that this case may be closed at this time. GTECC may file its proposed tariff sheets pursuant to its certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service at any time that it is ready to do so and when these proposed tariff sheets are filed they shall be filed in a new case. The proposed tariff sheets must be filed with at least a 45-day effective date after the date of issuance and filing of the tariff sheets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Request for Extension of Time to File Proposed Tariff filed by GTE Communications Corporation on August 6, 1999 is granted in that the deadline for the filing of the proposed tariff by August 9, 1999 is canceled.

2. That GTE Communications Corporation shall file its proposed tariff with a 45-day effective date in a new case with the Commission.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 1, 1999.

4. That this case may be closed after October 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly R. Register, 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 21st day of September, 1999.

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