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RE: Case No. TO-2000-293

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the 1998 Annual Report)
of GTE Telecommunications Services,)
Inc.)

Case No. TO-2000-293

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

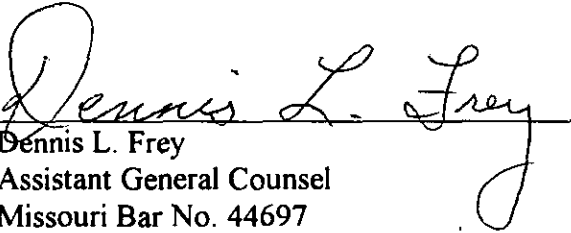
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue an Order granting the Motion to Accept Late-Filed Annual Report of GTE Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("Company"). The Staff further recommends, also in response to the aforementioned Motion, that the Commission relieve the Company of its obligation to file an Annual Report for the year 1999, inasmuch as the Company had no Missouri operations in 1999.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue its Order in accordance with the Staff's Memorandum attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

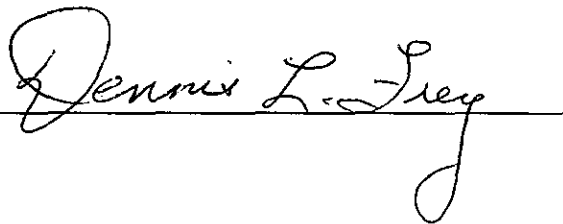
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-293
GTE Telecommunications Services, Inc.

FROM: Roy Boltz, Accounting Department *RS 12/10/99* *12/10/99*
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SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation for Approval to Accept Late-Filed Annual Report and Waiver of Filing 1999 Annual Report

DATE: December 10, 1999

On October 20, 1999, GTE Telecommunications Services, Inc. (GTE-TSI) filed a motion to accept late-filed Annual Report and requested the Commission to relieve GTE-TSI from its obligation to file a 1999 Annual Report. GTE-TSI was in the process of closing out its operations in various states during the 1998-1999 time period and was unable to prepare and file its 1998 Annual Report by April 15, 1999. GTE-TSI attempted to file its 1998 Annual Report on or about October 8, 1999 only to have it returned by the Commission's Record Department stating that the Company was required to make a formal filing through counsel since the Annual Report was being filed after the April 15, 1999 deadline. On May 4, 1999, GTE-TSI filed an Application for Cancellation of Certificate and Tariff as the Company had ceased or was ceasing its interexchange reseller operations in Missouri and other states. The Commission in Case No. TD-99-542 issued its Order Canceling Certificate and Tariff for GTE-TSI on June 22, 1999.

The Staff's recommendation is to approve the motion to accept late-filed Annual Report. The Staff would also recommend that the Commission relieve GTE-TSI from its obligation to file a 1999 Annual Report. Annual Report forms are sent to the various utilities in January based on the utilities operating in the state the previous year. Since GTE-TSI had no Missouri operations for the period January 1, 1999 through June 22, 1999 when its Certificate and Tariff were canceled by the Commission, the Staff believes that the Company would not have to file a 1999 Annual Report.

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