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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Joint Application)
of GTE Midwest Incorporated and Ozark)
Telephone Company for authority to transfer)
and acquire part of GTE Midwest Incor-) Case No. TM-95-134
porated's Missouri franchise, facilities or)
system located in the state of Missouri.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

On October 21, 1994, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Ozark Telephone Company (Ozark) (Joint Applicants) filed their Joint Application for authority to transfer assets from GTE to Ozark. On November 21, 1994, the Commission issued its Order and Notice in which it established December 21, 1994, as the deadline for any applications for intervention.

On December 7, 1994, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. filed its Application for Intervention in the above-referenced case. AT&T has stated in its Application to Intervene that it is an interexchange carrier purchasing exchange access service from GTE and that authorizing Ozark to assume the business position of GTE regarding the exchanges affected by this case means that AT&T will be affected by the determination of the issues in this proceeding and is thus an interested party. Thus, AT&T's interest in this case arises from the fact that it, too, is a telecommunications company as that term is defined under §386.020 of the Statutes and that this transaction may affect the way in which AT&T operates as a regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

On December 9, 1994, the Communication Workers of America, AFL-

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CIO, CLC (CWA) filed its Application to Intervene. CWA has stated in its Application that it is the collective bargaining representative for the employees of GTE and that the manner in which the assets are sold could affect the employees of GTE who are represented by CWA. CWA has stated that its interest in this case lies in its ability to protect the interests of its employees and that its expertise and experience will aid the Commission in determining the appropriateness of the sale in this proceeding.

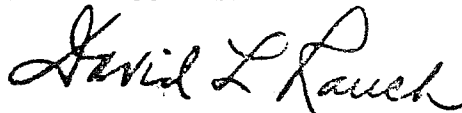
The Commission has reviewed the Applications for Intervention in the above-referenced case, the application of the Joint Applicants and the entirety of the file and makes the following findings of fact. The Commission finds that both applicants for intervention have stated an interest distinguishable from the interests of the public generally which may be relevant to this proceeding. The appropriate standard for intervention, as it applies to this case, is set out at 4 CSR 240-2.110(11), (13) and (14). The Commission finds that both applications to intervene meet the requirement of this standard. The Commission will grant intervention to AT&T and to CWA.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application to Intervene of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. is hereby granted.
2. That the Application to Intervene of Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC is hereby granted.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Rauch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Dale Hardy Roberts, Deputy Chief
Hearing Examiner, by delegation of
authority under Commission Directive
of August 16, 1994, pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1986.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of December, 1994.