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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 ESTABLISHING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Commission directed the parties to file a revised procedural schedule or a stipulation and agreement no later than June 30, 1998. GTE Communications Corporation (GTECC) filed a Motion to Set Early Prehearing Conference on June 26 stating that, although the parties may be able to enter into a stipulation and agreement, there is a need for additional time to develop an agreement because this case may involve affiliate transactions issues. GTECC asked the Commission to set an early prehearing conference during the first two weeks of July and stated that none of the parties objects to the request.

The Commission has reviewed the motion and finds that, since there are issues unique to this case, the setting of an early prehearing conference would be appropriate. Accordingly, the Commission will direct that the parties meet in prehearing conference on July 16.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Set Early Prehearing Conference filed by GTE Communications Corporation on June 26, 1998 is granted.

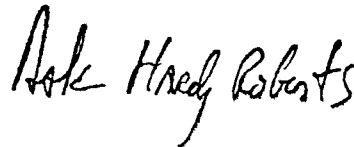
2. That the parties shall meet in an early prehearing conference on July 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

3. That the prehearing conference shall be held in Conference Room 3 of the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

4. That anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission as soon as possible at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall be effective on July 7, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief
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 7th day of July, 1998.

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