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RE: Case No. TO-2000-333

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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Enclosure
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of the Application of GTE)
Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas)
Incorporated for Approval of an)
Interconnection Agreement with Choctaw)
Communications, Inc. d/b/a Smoke Signal)
Communications pursuant to Section)
252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of)
1996.)

Case No. TO-2000-333

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

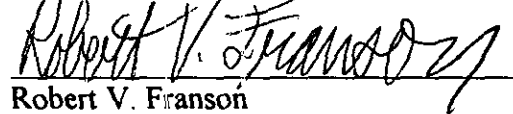
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issue an Order to approve the Application of GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Choctaw Communications, Inc. d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana K. Joyce

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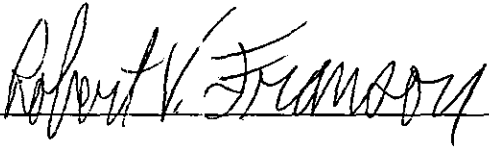
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 22nd day of December, 1999.



MEMORANDUM

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To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-333

Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated
with Choctaw Communications, Inc. d/b/a Smoke Signal
Communications

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From: Walt Cecil, Telecommunications Department *BV WC*

Wm Henderson 12-21-99 Wm K Naas 12/21/99
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: 12/21/99

Date Filed: 11/18/99

Staff Deadline: 01/19/00

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one)

- ☒ Resale Agreement
- ☐ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

From	Initials	Date	Revised
Walt Cecil	WC	12/21/99	
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Mr. VanEschen	<i>absent</i>		
Mr. Henderson	<i>WH</i>	<i>12-21-99</i>	
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Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated with Buy-Tel Communications, Inc.
TO-99-55
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit the agreement and any modifications or amendments numbered seriatim.

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