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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: Case No. TO-2001-589

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) 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
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Application of GTE)	
Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon)	
Midwest for Approval of a)	
Comprehensive Interconnection)	Case No. TO-2001-589
Agreement with Direct2Internet)	
Corporation, Pursuant to Section 252(e) of)	
the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest and Direct2Internet Corporation.


2. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this interconnection agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

3. The Staff concludes that the Interconnection Agreement does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and the Agreement does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 16th day of May 2001.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No.: **TO-2001-589**
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest; and
Direct2Internet Corporation

From: A. P. Kuss *APK*
Telecommunications Department

Bruce Voight 5-16-01
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General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement
Date: May 15, 2001
Date Filed: April 20, 2001
Staff Deadline: May 31, 2001

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
Mr. Kuss	APK	05/15/01	
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Mr. Henderson			
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Appendix A

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed (Intervention Deadline 05-10-2001).
 - ☒ Terms in Agreement are similar to those contained in previously-approved Agreements; e.g:
Resale Agreement: Case No. TO-2001-371: GTE Midwest Inc. d/b/a Verizon Midwest; and Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. (PCS).
Interconnection Agreement: Case TO-2000-775: GTE Midwest and GTE Arkansas Incorporated; and Southern Telecom Network, Inc. (STN).
 - ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties
 - ☒ Parties have submitted a copy of the executed Agreement with the pages numbered seriatim.
- Staff recommends that the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

Attachment Notes:

Latest Genesis Agreement Comparison to Current Approved Agreements

The new Agreement is similar in overall format to the Resale Agreement between Verizon and PCS referenced above, approved effective February 17, 2001. The instant Agreement includes similar terms and conditions and seven attachments.

In general, the arrangement of the new Agreement is similar in format and content to the Verizon/PCS Resale Agreement.

- The Agreement section is similar.
- The Glossary section is similar, but expanded.
- The Additional Services and Resale Attachments are similar.
- The Pricing Attachment is similar in form, but much expanded to allow for facilities-base.

The Interconnection, Unbundled Network Element (UNE) and Collocation Attachments are similar to those Attachments of the Interconnection Agreement between GTE and STN, referenced above, approved effective August 10, 2000.

- Rates in the Pricing Attachment are similar only for certain elements, varying in type and layout.
- The 911 Attachment is new, separated out and expanded from the earlier attachments.

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