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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of an Investigation into Various     )  
Issues Related to the Missouri Universal         ) Case No. TO-98-329  
Service Fund.   )

**ORDER ACCEPTING LATE-FILED TESTIMONY, GRANTING WAIVER OF RULE,**  
**AND PERMITTING SPECIAL APPEARANCES**

Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (collectively Sprint) filed a Motion to Accept Late-Filed Testimony on July 1, 1998. Sprint stated that, because of a power outage in the Kansas City area on June 29, it was unable to file its testimony regarding its costing model by the 3:00 p.m. deadline on June 30. Sprint filed its testimony on July 1.

Sprint also filed a Motion for Waiver of Rule on July 1, asking a waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.080 which requires the filing of an original and fourteen copies of all testimony. Specifically, Sprint wishes to file with the Commission only one copy of its proposed costing model in electronic format. Sprint stated that, should additional copies become necessary, Sprint would provide them upon request. No objections were filed in response to either of Sprint's motions.

The Commission has reviewed Sprint's motions and finds them to be reasonable and finds that granting the relief requested will not prejudice any party. Sprint's testimony will be accepted though late-filed and the Commission will accept the filing of only one copy of the electronic version of the costing model.

GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) filed entries of appearance on July 10 on behalf of out-of-state attorneys, Mark Bierbower and Kelly Faglioni. The pleadings stated that these attorneys are admitted to practice in other jurisdictions, have not been disqualified from practice, and have local counsel.

The Commission finds that the entries of appearance filed on behalf of Mark Bierbower and Kelly Faglioni are in compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.040(C) and they shall be permitted to make a special appearance in this case on behalf of GTE.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion to Accept Late-Filed Testimony, and the Motion for Waiver of Rule filed by Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. on July 1, 1998, are granted.

2. That Mark Bierbower and Kelly Faglioni are admitted to represent GTE Midwest Incorporated in this case.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 19, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

( S E A L )



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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 19th day of August, 1998.