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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 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 9, 1997, GTE Communications Corporation (GTECC) filed its application requesting a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service. On October 14, the Commission issued its Order and Notice. On December 9, the Commission issued its Order Granting Intervention and Directing Filing of Procedural Schedule, granting Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) intervention. On December 19, MCI filed a motion to consolidate this case with Case No. TA-97-269 (Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) CLEC application, involving an ILEC affiliate). After responsive pleadings were exchanged and reviewed, the Commission issued its Order Granting the Motion to Extend Filing Date of Procedural Schedule and Denying MCI's Motion to Consolidate on January 13, 1998.

On May 28, 1998, the Commission directed parties to file a revised procedural schedule or a stipulation and agreement no later than June 30. On June 26, GTECC filed a Motion to Set Early Prehearing Conference. On July 7, the Commission issued its Order Establishing Early Prehearing Conference on July 16. On August 12, SWBT filed its withdrawal of intervention. On October 19, the Commission directed the

parties to file a procedural schedule in this case no later than November 13. MCI filed its proposed procedural schedule on November 13. Also on November 13, GTECC filed its nonunanimous stipulation and agreement pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.115. On November 17, MCI filed its request for hearing pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.115. On November 30, GTECC filed its Response to Request for Hearing and Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule. In its response to MCI's request for hearing pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.115, GTECC states that negotiations with Staff to enter into a stipulation and agreement have failed.

The Commission finds that the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement filed by GTECC does not qualify as an agreement under 4 CSR 240-2.115 and therefore will consider the document filed by GTECC on November 13 as a proposed stipulation and agreement. Further, the Commission finds that it is reasonable to set an expeditious procedural schedule in this matter. Therefore, for good cause, the hearing should be set for this matter as soon as practicable. The proposed procedural schedule filed by GTECC on November 30 is reasonable, and will be adopted with minor modifications. The following conditions shall be applied to the procedural schedule.

A. The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

B. The parties shall file a hearing memorandum setting out the issues to be heard and the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, an appendix containing

definitions of technical terms, each party's position on the disputed issues, and the order of cross-examination. The hearing memorandum will set forth the issues that are to be heard and decided by the Commission. Any issue not contained in the hearing memorandum will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. Staff will be responsible for preparing and filing the hearing memorandum.

C. The Commission emphasizes the importance of the deadline for filing the hearing memorandum. Commission Staff will be responsible for preparing and filing the hearing memorandum, and, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the hearing memorandum shall be filed on or before the date set. Each party is required to provide Staff with its position on each unresolved issue at least two business days prior to the filing deadline for the hearing memorandum. Each party shall either present their signature element (a signed page) or shall be available to sign the final draft at the offices of the General Counsel prior to the filing deadline. A hearing memorandum which is not signed is considered noncompliant as to the party whose signature is missing and any party who fails or refuses to sign the final copy of the hearing memorandum is hereby ordered to file its own hearing memorandum, which follows the same numbering and topic outline, by the hearing memorandum filing date.

D. Nothing in this order shall preclude a party from addressing, or having a reasonable opportunity to address, matters not previously disclosed and arising at the hearing.

E. The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such a request shall be tendered, in writing, to the regulatory law judge at least five days

prior to the date of hearing. The regulatory law judge will determine whether the request should be granted.

F. All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and opposing counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission shall establish the following procedural schedule:

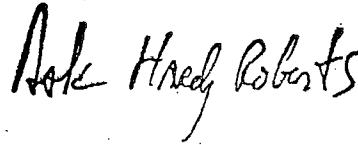
Direct Testimony	-	January 7, 1999 by 3:00 p.m.
Rebuttal Testimony	-	January 28, 1999 by 3:00 p.m.
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	-	February 16, 1999 by 3:00 p.m.
Hearing Memorandum	-	February 25, 1999 3:00 p.m.
Hearing	-	March 1-5, 1999 1st day - 9:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. on following days

2. That the evidentiary hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri beginning at 9 a.m. on the first day of hearing and at 8:30 a.m. on each day following. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days before the prehearing conference or

hearing at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline
- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on December 17, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Register, 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 9th day of December, 1998.

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