

BB

7/30  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of GTE Midwest Incorporated's     )  
tariff revision designed to provide             )  
intraLATA equal access conversion in GTE       )  
end offices.   )

CASE NO. TT-96-398

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

On June 20, 1997, the Commission issued its Report and Order in this case. In that order, the Commission rejected the proposed tariff, No. 9600705, as submitted by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) on May 13, 1996. The Commission directed GTE to file a tariff substantially similar to the proposed tariff but with the exception that intraLATA dialing parity shall not be implemented in Community Optional Service (COS) target exchanges and their associated Extended Area Service (EAS) exchanges pending a Commission decision in Case No. TW-97-333.

On July 3, 1997, GTE filed its proposed tariff in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order. This tariff was assigned Tariff File No. 9800015 and was filed in this case. The proposed effective date for these tariffs is August 3, 1997. On July 15, the Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) filed its memorandum in this case regarding the tariff as filed by GTE. Staff has stated that in addition to the changes necessary to implement intraLATA presubscription consistent with the Commission's Report and Order, GTE has made minor additional modifications in its tariff that do not substantially change the tariff nor change rates.

Staff stated that it has analyzed the tariff revisions and believes they are consistent with the Commission's Report and Order. Staff has recommended that the tariff revisions be approved as filed herein. Staff has noted that the cost of intraLATA presubscription is calculated by GTE to be \$1,417,044. This cost is to be recovered over three years

from the first exchange implementation date as a equal access cost recovery charge at the rate of \$0.0007185 per intrastate interLATA and intrastate intraLATA originating minute. At the end of the three year period, GTE must file tariff revisions to remove the equal access recovery charge pursuant to the Commission's order.

In addition to the proposed tariff, GTE submitted its proposed customer notice to the administrative law judge to whom this case is assigned on July 3, 1997. A copy of that notice, as approved by the Commission, is attached to this order and approved for dissemination by GTE.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets as filed by GTE, the Staff memorandum and the entirety of the file and finds that the tariff sheets, as filed, incorporate the changes directed by the Commission's Report and Order in this case. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's order and should be approved for the introduction of intraLATA equal access in GTE's exchanges.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff sheets filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated in this case and also filed under Tariff File No. 9800015 shall be approved for service on and after August 3, 1997.

GTE Midwest Incorporated P.S.C. MO. No. 2

3rd revised Table of Contents sheet 5, replacing 2nd revised sheet 5  
3rd revised Table of Contents sheet 7, replacing 2nd revised sheet 7  
1st revised Table of Contents sheet 13, replacing original sheet 13  
1st revised Table of Contents sheet 14, replacing original sheet 14  
3rd revised sheet 67, replacing 2nd revised sheet 67  
3rd revised sheet 69, replacing 2nd revised sheet 69  
3rd revised sheet 125, replacing 2nd revised sheet 125  
2nd revised sheet 128, replacing 1st revised sheet 128  
2nd revised sheet 153, replacing 1st revised sheet 153  
1st revised sheet 221, replacing original sheet 221  
1st revised sheet 222, replacing original sheet 222  
2nd revised sheet 233, replacing 1st revised sheet 233  
Original sheet 233.1  
1st revised sheet 234, replacing original sheet 234  
1st revised sheet 235, replacing original sheet 235

1st revised sheet 236, replacing original sheet 236  
2nd revised sheet 237, replacing 1st revised sheet 237  
2nd revised sheet 238, replacing 1st revised sheet 238  
1st revised sheet 239, replacing original sheet 239  
2nd revised sheet 249, replacing 1st revised sheet 249  
Original sheet 249.1  
1st revised sheet 250, replacing original sheet 250  
1st revised sheet 251, replacing original sheet 251

2. That GTE Midwest Incorporated is hereby ordered to file tariff revisions to remove the equal access recovery charge in the month of August, 2000, with an effective date to be requested by GTE Midwest Incorporated at that time.

3. That GTE Midwest Incorporated is hereby authorized to issue the notice as approved by the Commission and attached hereto as Attachment A.

4. That this order shall be effective on August 3, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Dale Hardy Roberts, Chief Administrative 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 30th day of July, 1997.

Missouri Customers Will Now Have the Option to Choose IntraLATA  
Providers

Missouri residential and business customers will soon have the option of selecting a long distance company to handle their intraLATA 1+ and 0+ calls, currently carried by GTE. These are long distance calls to nearby communities for which long distance charges apply. Missouri is divided into major long distance calling areas called LATAs. IntraLATA calls are long distance calls to communities that are outside your local calling area, but "within" your LATA, and often within the state. (See map).

Currently, GTE carries all your 1+ and 0+ calls within your LATA. Beginning August 8, 1997 you will have the option of selecting another long distance company for your intraLATA 1+ and 0+ calling. This means that any long distance company can be used to place an intraLATA call without dialing additional digits. Long distance service providers may have already contacted you to market these services.

You may select an intraLATA long distance company at no charge by contacting the long distance service provider of your choice, or by calling GTE at 1-800-483-3400. If you do not choose another intraLATA service provider, GTE will continue to provide your intraLATA long distance service.

You can change your intraLATA provider one time at no charge. Each change after that will cost \$3.92.

(As a footnote to the map?) Please note that if you presently subscribe to a Community Optional Service (COS) flat-rate dialing plan through your local telephone company, your selection of a different intraLATA carrier may affect that service.