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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application)
of TCG St. Louis for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic) CASE NO. TA-97-446
Local Telecommunications Services in)
Certain Exchanges Service by GTE)
Midwest Incorporated.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

TCG St. Louis filed an amended application on April 22, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, TCG St. Louis wishes to provide resold and facilities-based services in certain exchanges currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). The Commission issued an Order And Notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than May 26.

GTE timely filed an application to intervene on May 16. GTE states that because it is authorized to provide local exchange, access, and intraLATA toll services within the State of Missouri, it has an interest in any decision by the Commission regarding the certification of competing local carriers which is different from that of the general public.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted, and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule by June 25, which includes either dates for

prefiled testimony and a hearing or a date by which a Stipulation And Agreement will be filed. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing.

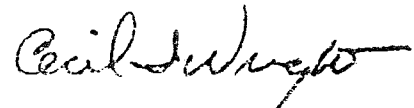
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That GTE Midwest Incorporated is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule, which includes either dates for prefiled testimony and a hearing or a date by which a Stipulation And Agreement will be filed, no later than June 25, 1997.

3. That this order shall be effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 6th day of June, 1997.