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RE: Case No. TO-2000-423

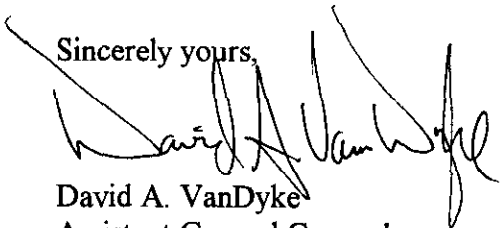
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) 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
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Missouri Public
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In the Matter of the Application of GTE)
Midwest, Inc. and GTE Arkansas, Inc. for)
Approval of Interconnection Agreement)
with Comm South Companies, Inc.)
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TO-2000-423

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 (Commission) approve the Interconnection Agreement of GTE Midwest, Inc. and GTE Arkansas, Inc. with Comm South Companies, Inc.

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

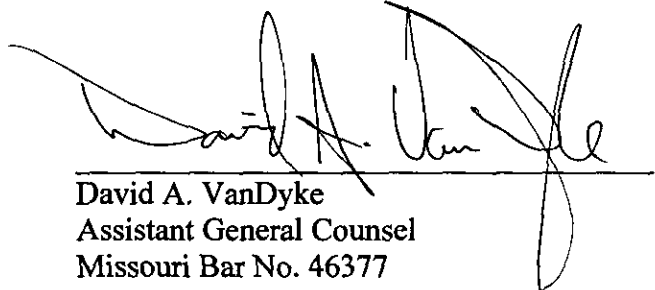
3. The Staff concludes that the Interconnection Agreement does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and the Agreement does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

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Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

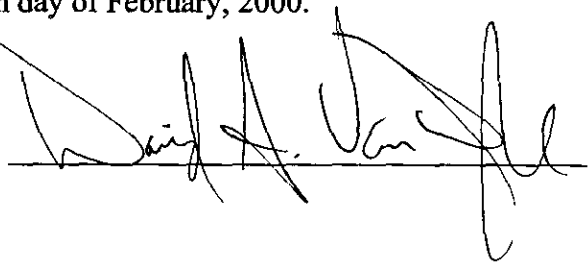


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 25th day of February, 2000.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-423
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated,
Comm South Companies, Inc.

From: Walt Cecil, Telecommunications Department *WC*

Wes Henderson 2-23-00 *Mar B. 2-24-00*
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date *WV 2/24/2000*

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: February 17, 2000

Date Filed: January 14, 2000

Staff Deadline: March 24, 2000

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

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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
Walt Cecil	WC	02/17/00	
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Mr. Henderson	<i>WH</i>	<i>2-23-00</i>	
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Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated, Choctaw Communications d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments

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