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RE: Case No. TO-2000-534

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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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In the Matter of the Application of GTE)
Midwest, Inc. and GTE Arkansas, Inc. for)
Approval of an Interconnection)
Agreement with Ciera Network Systems,)
Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TO-2000-534

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its
Recommendation states:

In the attached *Memorandum*, which is labeled *Appendix A*, Staff recommends that the
Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant GTE Midwest, Inc. and GTE
Arkansas, Inc. ("Applicants") approval of an interconnection, resale agreement with Ciera
Network Systems, Inc. pursuant to the terms of Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of
1996, for the reasons stated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

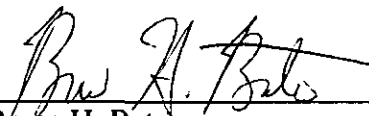


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Bruce H. Bates

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-534
Parties: Ciera Network Systems, Inc.
GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated

From: Sherri Murphy, SM Telecommunications Department ^{BV}

[Signature] 3/30/00 *Wm K H...* 3/30/00 *3-30-00*
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: March 29, 2000

Date Filed: March 2, 2000

Staff Deadline: May 9, 2000

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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

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
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Mr. Henderson			
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Appendix A

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., Case No. TO-2000-376 EZ Talk Communications, LLC with GTE Midwest, Incorporated and GTE Arkansas, Incorporated
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to this agreement to the Commission for approval.

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