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RE: Case No. TO-2000-684

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) 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 Incorporated and GTE Arkansas )  
Incorporated for Approval of )  
Interconnection Agreement with New )  
Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge )  
Networks, Pursuant to Section 252(3) of )  
the Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

Case No. TO-2000-684

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 amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated and New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks.

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

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

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends the Commission approve the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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# M E M O R A N D U M

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TO-2000-684 Tariff File No. IA20010002  
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated and  
New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks

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Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Date: August 10, 2000

On July 12, 2000, New Edge Network Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks (NEN) and GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas (GTE) filed an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between GTE and NEN (The Parties). The Parties made changes to the Agreement by adding a Line Sharing Amendment.

In ORDER DIRECTING FILING (Case No. TO-2000-684), Staff was ordered to file a memorandum and recommendation regarding the Application as stated below:

On July 12, 2000, GTE filed an Application For Approval of Line Sharing Amendment To An Interconnection Agreement. Based on its previous order, The Commission will Direct staff to file a memorandum and recommendation regarding the Application and its effects no later than 30 days from the effective date of this order.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) believes that the proposed amendment meets the limited requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The proposed modification to the Interconnection Agreement does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the agreement and does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience and necessity. Therefore, the Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment. The Staff is unaware of any other filing that may affect or be affected by this filing.

APPENDIX A

**Service List for  
Case No. TO-2000-684  
August 11, 2000**

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