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RE: TO-2000-376

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  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of GTE )  
Midwest, Inc. and GTE Arkansas, Inc. for )  
Approval of Interconnection Agreement )  
with EZ Talk Communications, L.L.C. )  
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

Case No. TO-2000-376

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 approve the Interconnection Agreement of GTE Midwest, Inc. and GTE Arkansas, Inc. with EZ Talk Communications, L.L.C.

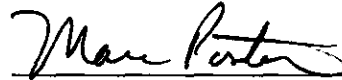
2. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this interconnection agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TO-2000-376  
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated  
with EZ Talk Communications, LLC

**From:** Lisa Mahaney, Telecommunications Department

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Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** February 9, 2000

**Date Filed:** 12/21/99

**Staff Deadline:** 2/29/00

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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**Interconnection Agreement Review Items**

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., Missouri State Discount Telephone with GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated, TO-99-610
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments. Agreement has been submitted with pages numbered seriatim.

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