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**Missouri Public  
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**RE: Case No. TO-2001-371**

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  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of GTE )  
Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Midwest, for )  
Approval of an Interconnection )  
Agreement with Preferred Services, Inc., )  
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

Case No. TO-2001-371

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. d/b/a Verizon Midwest with Preferred Services, Inc.

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

**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No.: **TO-2001-371**  
**Parties:** GTE Midwest Inc. d/b/a Verizon Midwest; and  
Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.

**From:** A. P. Kuss *APK*  
Telecommunications Department  
*[Signature]* 2/1/01  
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General Counsel's Office/Date

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement  
**Date:** January 30, 2001  
**Date Filed:** December 22, 2000  
**Staff Deadline:** February 13, 2001

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one):

- ☒ Interconnection 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
Mr. Kuss	APK	01/30/01	
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Mr. VanEschen			
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**Interconnection Agreement Review Items**

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed (Intervention Deadline 01-24-2001).
  - ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement are similar to those contained in an approved Interconnection Agreement; e.g. Case TO-2001-247: GTE Midwest Inc. d/b/a Verizon Midwest; and ServiSense.com, Inc.
  - ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties
- Staff recommends that the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

**Attachment Notes:**

- 1) The copy of the executed Agreement submitted with the Application by the Parties has the pages numbered seriatim.
- 2) The format of the Agreement is rearranged from that of the reference example listed above, but all terms and conditions are similar.
- 3) The new format displays an Effective Date of December 16, 2000, on the Title Page, and adds a definition of "Effective Date" in the Definitions section.

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