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RE: Case No. TO-2000-487

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,

Nathan Williams
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cc: Counsel of Record

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Adoption by Missouri)
Telecom, Inc., under Section 252(i) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996, of the)
Interconnection Agreement between GTE)
Midwest Incorporated and AT&T)
Communications of the Southwest, Inc.
approved by the Commission in Case No.
TO-97-63..

Case No. TO-2000-487

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 grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Missouri Telecom, Inc. and GTE Midwest Incorporated, filed on February 9, 2000.

2. The agreement incorporates the terms of the interconnection agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. In Case No. TO-97-63 the Commission, pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, approved the terms of the interconnection agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

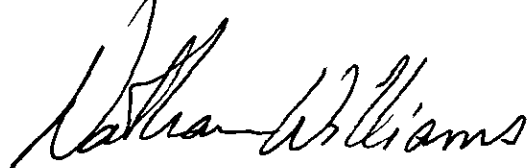
3. The Staff notes that in the application, GTE Midwest Incorporated takes the position that if any change is made in the interconnection agreement between it and AT&T, then

this agreement should also automatically be modified to reflect those changes since GTE Midwest Incorporated only made these terms available due to the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

WHEREFORE, because the Commission determined in Case No. TO-97-63, that the terms set forth in this agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) in that they do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity, the Staff recommends the Commission enter an Order Approving Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Williams", written over a horizontal line.

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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 13th day of March, 2000.

Nathan Williams

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-487
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated and Missouri Telecom Incorporated

From: Sara Buyak, Telecommunications Department

[Signature] 3/10/00
Utility Operations Division/Date

Wm K Haas 3/13/00
General Counsel Office/Date

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Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of the Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement

Date: March 8, 2000

Date Filed: February 9, 2000

Staff Deadline: April 6, 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 adoption of a previously approved interconnection 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
Sara Buyak	SB	3/8/00	
Wm. Voight	BV	3-9-00	
Mr. VanEschen	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/10/00	
Mr. Henderson			
Legal			

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in the Agreement are an adoption of the terms and rates of the Interconnection Agreement in Case No. TO-97-63, GTE Midwest Incorporated and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends that any modifications or amendments to the interconnection agreement be filed with the Commission for approval. Staff has a copy of the interconnection agreement numbered seriatim.

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