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

In the Matter of the Application of GE Capital)
Communication Services Corporation d/b/a GE EXCHANGE®)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic)
Local Telecommunications Service, Local Telecommunica-) **Case No. TA-97-148**
tions Service and Exchange Access Service to Portions)
of the State of Missouri, and to Classify Said Service)
as Competitive.)
)

ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING

On October 11, 1996, GE Capital Communication Services Corporation, d/b/a GE EXCHANGE® (GE EXCHANGE) filed an application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant it certificates of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services, local exchange telecommunications services, and exchange access service throughout the service areas of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint. On December 2, 1996, the Commission granted intervention to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, MCI Telecommunications Corporation, GTE Midwest Incorporated, the Small Telephone Company Group, and Bourbeuse Telephone Company and Fidelity Telephone Company. On December 19, 1996, a prehearing conference was held as scheduled.

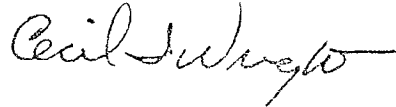
On January 6, 1997, the parties to this case filed a Stipulation And Agreement. In addition, GE EXCHANGE filed a motion to schedule a hearing for the presentation of the Stipulation And Agreement. Upon review of GE EXCHANGE's motion, the Commission finds that a hearing should be scheduled at which time the parties to this case shall present the Stipulation And Agreement for Commission consideration.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a hearing for the purpose of presenting the Stipulation And Agreement to the Commission is hereby scheduled in this case for 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 1997. The hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room, Room 520B, on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Elaine E. Bensavage, Administrative Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Commission Directive of January 3, 1995, pursuant to Section 386.240, R.S.Mo. (1994).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of January, 1997.