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RE: Case No. TO-2000-381

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 Adoption of the)
GTE/AT&T Communications of the)
Southwest, Inc. Interconnection)
Agreement by Bluestar Communications,)
Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Missouri Public
Service Commission
Case No. TO-2000-381

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 Bluestar Communications, Inc.'s adoption of the GTE Midwest and GTE Arkansas (collectively, "GTE") and AT&T Communications (AT&T) Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement (Agreement) pursuant to § 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act).

2. The Commission approved the GTE/AT&T Agreement in Case No. TO-97-63. In the Commission's July 22, 1998 Order, the Commission stated that the Agreement meets the standards set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act in that it does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

3. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant approval of the adoption of the Agreement pursuant to the Act. In addition,

the Staff recommends that the Commission direct the Parties to file any modifications or amendments to the Agreement with the Commission for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 4th day of February 2000.

Julie A. Kardis

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-381
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated and BlueStar Communications, Inc.

From: Sherri Murphy, Telecommunications Department *SM*

Wm Henderson 2-3-00 *Wm K Hoss 2/4/00*
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

OK 24-00

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

Date: February 3, 2000

Date Filed: December 23, 1999

Staff Deadline: March 2, 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
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Appendix A

Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., 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.

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