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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of AT&T Communications of the)
Southwest, Inc.'s Petition for Arbitration)
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecom-) **Case No. TO-97-63**
munications act of 1996 to Establish an)
Interconnection Agreement between AT&T)
Communications of the Southwest, Inc., and)
GTE Midwest Incorporated.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On July 22, 1998, the Commission issued its Order Approving Interconnection Agreement. Ordered Paragraph 4 stated "[t]hat the request of the parties to defer resolution of the issue of recombination of unbundled network elements until the appeal pending before the U.S. Supreme Court has been decided is granted."

As no other action has occurred in this case for a substantial period of time, the Commission directs that the parties shall, jointly or individually, file a report updating the Commission as to the status of this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall file, either jointly or individually, a status report updating the Commission as to the issue of recombination of unbundled network elements and clarifying what additional action is needed in this case. The status report shall be filed no later than June 5, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 16, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of May, 2000.