STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of October, 1997.

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In the Matter of the Application of TCG St. Louis,) Inc., for a Certificate of Service Authority to) Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services) <u>Ca</u> in Certain Exchanges Served by GTE Midwest) Incorporated.)

Case No. TA-97-446

ORDER DIRECTING THE FILING OF FINANCIAL DATA AND THE SUPPLEMENTATION OF MANAGERIAL INFORMATION

TCG St. Louis, Inc. (TCG) applied to the Commission on April 9, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri under Sections 392.420 - .440, RSMo 1994, and Sections 392.410 and .450, RSMo Supp. 1996. TCG asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo 1994. TCG filed an amended application on April 22 in which TCG asserted that it possessed the financial, technical, and managerial resources to provide local exchange services. Attached to the amended application as Exhibit B is a list of the names and addresses of TCG's current corporate officers. TCG filed no financial data.

On April 28, the Commission issued an Order and Notice setting a May 26 deadline for intervention in this case. On May 16, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) filed an application to intervene and the Commission granted intervention on June 6. The parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement on July 8. The Commission Staff (Staff) filed Suggestions in Support of the Stipulation and Agreement on July 15. In the Stipulation and Agreement, TCG asserted that there is sufficient evidence from which the Commission should find and conclude that TCG possesses sufficient financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service and exchange access service. No party made a contrary assertion. The parties did not submit any financial or managerial information above and beyond the information submitted with TCG's Application. Furthermore, Staff's Suggestions did not contain any additional information.

The Commission finds that it is unable to determine whether TCG has sufficient financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications services as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo Supp. 1996, because no documentation was submitted to support a finding of sufficiency. The Commission further finds that the parties should be given an opportunity to present additional information to the Commission upon which to base its decision whether to grant the relief requested by TCG.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That TCG St. Louis, Inc., shall file with the Commission appropriate financial data, including any accounting reports and accompanying notes, for 1995 and 1996 no later than November 10, 1997.

2. That TCG St. Louis, Inc., shall file with the Commission appropriate biographical information concerning its corporate officers including their education and work experience.

3. That TCG St. Louis, Inc., shall file an explanation stating specifically why the company believes it has sufficient financial and

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managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications services no later than November 10, 1997.

4. That TCG St. Louis, Inc., shall serve copies of the additional data submitted pursuant to Ordered paragraphs 1 through 3 on all parties.

5. That responses to the additional data shall be filed no later than November 17, 1997.

4. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer and Murray, CC., concur.

Hennessey, Regulatory Law Judge