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Subject: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE MID-MISSOURI
GROUP AND THE SMALL TELEPHONE COMPANY GROUP OF
INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES FOR DESIGNATION
AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY CARRIERS ELIGIBLE FOR
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 254 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.
CASE NO. TO-98-49

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing are the original and fourteen (14) copies of GTE Midwest Incorporated's Application for Participation Without Intervention in the above-referenced case.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


James C. Stroo

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GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED'S APPLICATION FOR
PARTICIPATION WITHOUT INTERVENTION

COMES NOW, GTE Midwest Incorporated ("GTE") and pursuant to § 386.420 R.S.MO. and 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075 respectfully seeks to participate without intervention in the above referenced proceeding. In support thereof, GTE states as follows:

1. GTE Midwest Incorporated is a Delaware corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with offices located at 1000 GTE Drive, Wentzville, Missouri 63385.

2. All communications and pleadings in this docket should be directed to:

James C. Stroo
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3. On August 8, 1997, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued its Order and Notice in Case No. TO-98-49. In that Order, the Commission created the above captioned docket for the purpose of addressing the Mid-Missouri Group and the

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Small Telephone Company Group's application for designation as eligible carriers pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

4. GTE is a local exchange carrier authorized to provide local exchange, access and intraLATA toll services within the state of Missouri. As such GTE has an interest in any decision by the Commission with regard to federal universal service support. GTE's interest also differs from that of the general public.

WHEREFORE GTE Midwest Incorporated respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application for Participation Without Intervention.

Respectfully submitted,

GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was delivered, via Airborne Express, to Cecil Wright, Executive Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, 301 W. High Street, Room 530, Jefferson City, MO 65101 and was mailed, postage prepaid, this 2nd day of September, 1997 to the following:

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