BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE Midwest Incorporated and Spectra Communications Group LLC for Authority to Transfer and Acquire Part of GTE Midwest Incorporated's Franchise, Facilities or System Located in the State of Missouri and for Issuance of Certificates of Service Authority to Spectra Communications Group LLC and for Authority for Spectra Communica-) tions Group LLC to Borrow an Amount not to Exceed \$250,000,000 from CenturyTel, Inc., and in Connection Therewith to Execute a Telephone Loan Contract, Promissory Notes, and a Mortgage, Security Agreement and Financing Statement.

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Case No. TM-2000-182 Tariff No. 200001024 Tariff No. 200001025 Tariff No. 200001026 Tariff No. 200001027 Tariff No. 200001028 Tariff No. 200001029

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

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On April 4, 2000, the Commission issued its Report and Order herein, authorizing GTE Midwest, Incorporated (GTE), to transfer to Spectra Communications Group LLC (Spectra) some 107 of its exchanges in Missouri. That Report and Order also approved Spectra's proposed financing plan, granted certificates of service authority to Spectra, and required Spectra to file its proposed tariffs, with a 45-day effective date, setting out the services, rates, terms, and conditions under which it proposed to provide telecommunications services in the exchanges acquired from GTE. Spectra timely-filed its proposed tariffs on May 10, 2000, and thereafter extended their effective date to August 1, 2000.

Exhibit No. 35

Case No(s). 69-2005-000

Date 11-12-04 Rptr 7

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on July 18, 2000. The Staff advises the Commission to approve Spectra's proposed tariffs, effective August 1, 2000.

Discussion:

The transaction approved in the Report and Order of April 4, 2000, was intended by the parties to be "seamless" from the perspective of the consumers located in the affected exchanges. In this regard, Spectra represented to the Commission that it would employ GTE's existing tariffs. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, filed on July 18, 2000, the Staff states that "Spectra's proposed tariffs mirror GTE's tariffs for the affected exchanges. There are no changes in the services or rates offered." Therefore, as the proposed tariffs comply with the Report and Order of April 4, 2000, they will be approved.

The Commission notes that GTE has filed proposed tariff sheets, Tariff No. 200001176, which will remove all references to the exchanges sold to Spectra from GTE's tariffs as of August 1, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariffs filed by Spectra Communications Group LLC on May 10, 2000, and assigned tariff numbers 200001024, 200001025, 200001026, 200001027, 200001028, and 200001029, are approved for services rendered on and after August 1, 2000. The tariffs approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1
Original Title Sheet 1 through Section 13, Original Sheet 12

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

Title Sheet Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 334

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3

Title Sheet Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 72

P.S.C. Mo. No. 4

Title Sheet Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 32

P.S.C. Mo. No. 5

Title Sheet Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 109

P.S.C. Mo. No. 6

Title Sheet Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 109

2. That this order shall become effective on August 1, 2000.

(SEAL)

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of July, 2000.