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May 10, 2002

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Administrative Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Subject: APPLICATION OF GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED D/B/A
VERIZON MIDWEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
1-800-RECONEX, INC., PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(e) OF
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996
CASE NO. TO-2002-69

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing are the original and three (3) copies of the Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on behalf of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest with 1-800-Reconex, Inc.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TRP/am", with a circular notary seal partially visible behind it.

Thomas R. Parker
Vice President &
Associate General Counsel

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Enc.

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED D/B/A VERIZON) FILE NO.
MIDWEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT)
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)
1-800-RECONEX, INC., PURSUANT TO SECTION)
252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1996)

**APPLICATION OF GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED D/B/A VERIZON MIDWEST
FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest ("Verizon") files this Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon and 1-800-Reconex, Inc. ("Reconex"), pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Federal Act") and would respectfully show the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") the following:

I. THE APPLICANTS

Verizon is engaged in the business of providing local, access, toll and other telecommunications services. The principal office of Verizon is 601 Monroe Street, Suite 304, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. Applicant is a Delaware Corporation whose Certificate of Good Standing is enclosed as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

Verizon presents to this Commission for approval an amendment negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act (Amendment, Attachment 2). After weeks of intensive good faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an amendment, the parties have executed the Amendment between Verizon and Reconex on March 28, 2002 and filed herewith.

III. DESIGNATED CONTACTS

The designated contact for purposes of this Application is:

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Director - Regulatory Affairs
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IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Verizon seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. Verizon believes that the implementation of this Amendment complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Amendment promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission grant approval of this Amendment, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral amendment, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between competitors, and the parties do not believe a case or intervention by other parties is necessary or appropriate.

V. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Federal Act which provides as follows:

Section 252(e) of the Federal Act:

(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED.** Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A state commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.** The State Commission may only reject -
 - (A)** an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that -
 - (i)** the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii)** the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

VI. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Amendment is consistent with the Missouri Legislation, Senate Bill No. 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

VII. PENDING ACTIONS, ANNUAL REPORTS, AND ASSESSMENTS

The Applicants have no final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against them in any state or federal agency or court involving customer service or rates which have occurred within three years of the date of this application. As incumbent local exchange carriers, and as a routine part of their business, the Applicants do receive some complaints about service -- primarily at the state utility commissions -- but in some cases also in state or federal courts. Applicants are typically able to resolve all of these matters in a satisfactory manner, and currently have no such actions that they believe will not be so resolved. No annual reports or assessments are overdue in Missouri.

VIII. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Verizon respectfully prays that the Commission approve the Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED
d/b/a Verizon Midwest

By: 

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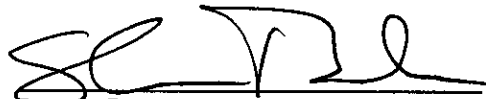
THEIR ATTORNEY

VERIFICATION

I, Steve Banta, under penalty of perjury, certify as follows:

I am an Officer of the Company – President of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest ("Verizon"). I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Verizon. I have read the foregoing "Application of Verizon for Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with 1-800-Reconex, Inc., pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996" and know the contents thereof, and the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed in the State of Missouri on this 10th day of May, 2002.

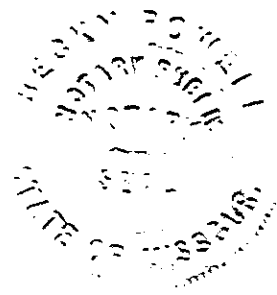


Steve Banta
President
GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a
Verizon Midwest

Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence by Steve Banta this 10th day of May, 2002.


Notary Public

BECKY POWELL
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF COLE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 8, 2005



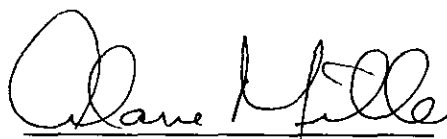
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered to Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary/Chief Administrative Law Judge, Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street, Suite 100, Jefferson City, MO 65101 and was hand-delivered and/or mailed postage prepaid, this 10th day of May, 2002 to the following:

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No. F00369029

STATE OF MISSOURI



Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE GOOD STANDING - FOREIGN CORPORATION

I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

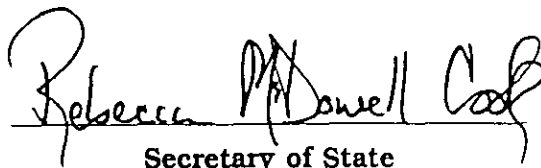
GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED

using in Missouri the name

GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED

a DELAWARE corporation filed its Evidence of Incorporation with this State on the 23rd day of JULY, 1992, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 23rd day of JUNE, 2000.


Secretary of State



AMENDMENT NO. 1

to the

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

between

GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, d/b/a VERIZON MIDWEST

and

1-800-RECONEX, INC.

This Amendment (the "Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated, d/b/a Verizon Midwest and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. for the state of Missouri (the "Agreement") is effective upon Missouri Public Service Commission approval, retroactive back to June 14, 2001.

Notwithstanding any possible contrary construction of this Agreement, Internet Traffic shall not be eligible for payment of Reciprocal Compensation under this Agreement. The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet traffic shall be governed by the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives.

1-800-RECONEX, Inc.

By: Printed: William E. BrownTitle: Vice President - General CounselDate: 2-28-02

GTE Midwest Incorporated, d/b/a Verizon Midwest

By: 

Printed: Jeffrey A. Masoner

Title: Vice-President - Interconnection Services Policy & Planning

Date: _____