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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 22nd
day of December, 1993.

In the matter of GTE North Incorporated of Westfield,)
Indiana, for authority to file tariffs increasing) CASE NO. TR-89-182
rates for telephone service to customers in the) (REMAND)
Missouri Division of its system.)

In the matter of the tariffs of GTE North Incorporated) CASE NO. TR-89-238
for billing and collection services.) (REMAND)

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)
v.) CASE NO. TC-90-75
GTE North Incorporated,) (REMAND)
Respondent.)

ORDER SETTING SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On September 24, 1993, the Commission issued an Order Setting Prehearing Conference with respect to the remand of the three above-styled cases. A prehearing conference was held on October 27, 1993. Counsel for GTE Midwest Incorporated, the successor corporation to GTE North Incorporated (GTE) requested on the record that a second prehearing conference be scheduled for six months in the future, as the merger of the various GTE Companies into GTE Midwest Incorporated, along with the consolidated tariffs expected to be filed with the Commission by January 31, 1994, could ameliorate the parties' positions on the issues. At the conclusion of the off-the-record portion of the prehearing conference, the Commission was informally informed that the parties wished to schedule a second prehearing conference in April, 1994. Counsel for GTE followed up with a letter dated October 28, 1993, which indicated that none of the parties had any objections to GTE's request to delay any substantive consideration of the

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remand for six months and to set a second prehearing conference for that time period. Counsel added that the parties had agreed that April 18, 1994 was an acceptable date.

Given that GTE North Incorporated no longer exists as a separate regulated entity but has become, along with other GTE Companies, a part of GTE Midwest Incorporated, and that GTE Midwest Incorporated is expected to file consolidated tariffs in January, 1994, the Commission deems it appropriate to schedule a second prehearing conference for a time period which will provide the parties with ample opportunity to examine GTE's consolidated tariffs and analyze the impact of the new tariffs on the remanded issues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a second prehearing conference in this matter be, and is hereby, scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m., on April 18, 1994. Said conference shall be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. That a party may be dismissed from this proceeding for failure of the party's attorney to appear and participate at the prehearing conference, unless excused in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.090(5).

3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.