STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 24th day of September, 1993.

In the matter of GTE North Incorporated of Westfield,) Indiana, for authority to file tariffs increasing) rates for telephone service to customers in the) (REMAND) Missouri Division of its system.)

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

The Staf:	f of the Missouri	Public Service Commission,)
		Complainant,)
	۷.) <u>CASE NO. TC-90-75</u>
GTE North	Incorporated,)
		Respondent.)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On September 29, 1989, the Commission consolidated the three abovestyled cases in an order authorizing the Commission Staff to file a complaint against GTE North Incorporated, with TR-89-182 being designated the lead case for filing purposes. On February 9, 1990, the Commission issued a Report and Order disposing of the issues in all three cases. Subsequently the matter was appealed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, which issued its opinion on May 26, 1992, affirming the Commission in part, and reversing and remanding for further proceedings as to that portion of the Commission's decision pertaining to the intraLATA/interLATA switched access charges. *State ex rel. GTE North v. Missouri Public Service Commission*, 835 S.W.2d 356 (Mo. App. W.D. 1992). Pursuant to a Report and Order issued on December 8, 1992 in Case No. TM-93-1, 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. On September 10, 1993, the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri issued an order remanding this cause to the Commission for further proceedings consistent with the mandate and opinion of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District.

Upon a review of the decision of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, and the Order Remanding Cause issued by the Cole County Circuit Court, the Commission is of the opinion that a prehearing conference should be set to allow the parties an opportunity to identify what further action is required, including whether any additional evidence and hearings are necessary, to resolve the remaining substantive issues if possible, and to propose a procedural schedule to the Commission in the event further proceedings are necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference in this matter be, and is hereby, scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m., on October 27, 1993. 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

Wid L. Kauch

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins, and Kincheloe, CC., Concur. Crumpton, C., Not Participating.

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