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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Joint Application )  
of GTE Midwest Incorporated and Cass )  
County Telephone Company for authority to )  
transfer and acquire part of GTE Midwest )  
Incorporated's Missouri franchise, )  
facilities or system located in the State )  
of Missouri. )

CASE NO. TM-95-163

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

On November 23, 1994, the Commission issued its Order and Notice in this case, setting an intervention deadline of December 22, 1994. Three requests for intervention were timely filed by AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T), Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC (CWA), and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). No responses to the intervention requests were filed by either of the joint applicants, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) or Cass County Telephone Company (Cass), or by any of the intervention applicants.

AT&T states in its application to intervene that it is an interexchange carrier purchasing exchange access service from GTE, and that in the future it will purchase that service from Cass, therefore it will be affected by the determination of the issues in this proceeding and thus has an interest distinguishable from the interest of the public generally. CWA states in its application to intervene that it is the collective bargaining representative for the employees of GTE in the bargaining unit under a collective bargaining agreement made between CWA and GTE, that the matter in which these assets are sold ultimately could affect the employees of GTE represented by CWA, that CWA does not believe that GTE or any other parties will adequately represent the interests it seeks to protect, and that CWA's expertise and experience will aid the Commission in determining the appropriateness of the sale in this proceeding, and thus its intervention and participation will serve the public interest. SWBT states

in its application to intervene that it purchases access services from GTE, and that to the extent this docket may address the current or future level of access rates to be charged by Cass in the exchanges Cass seeks to acquire, SWBT has an interest different from that of the general public.

The Commission has reviewed the various requests for intervention and determines that it will be appropriate to allow the interventions. Based upon its review of the pleadings, the Commission is of the opinion that all three applicants have an interest in the proceeding which is different from that of the general public. In addition, CWA may possess expertise and knowledge not generally available, which may shed light on issues in this proceeding, and thus granting CWA's application may therefore serve the public interest.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the following applicants be and are hereby granted intervention with respect to the joint application of GTE Midwest Incorporated and Cass County Telephone Company in Case No. TM-95-163: AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.; Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC; and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

2. That this order shall become effective on (10 days).

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary

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Elaine E. Bensavage, Hearing Examiner,  
by delegation of authority under Commission  
Directive of January 3, 1995, pursuant to  
§ 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 1st day of February, 1995.