

**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 March, 1996.

In the matter of the request for community)
optional service from GTE Midwest's Leasburg)
exchange to Fidelity Telephone's Sullivan)
exchange.)

CASE NO. TO-96-79

ORDER OF IMPLEMENTATION

On December 29, 1989, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-87-131 directing local exchange companies (LECs) in Missouri to offer community optional service (COS) in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. The Commission determined that a community of interest is demonstrated when an average of six calls per access line per month are made from petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls to the requested exchange per month.

On December 23, 1992, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-92-306 approving a statewide expanded calling scope plan. The plan, among other provisions, modified COS to a two-way service only and adjusted the rates for COS. The Commission also assigned primary toll carriers (PTCs) to implement COS in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest.

On September 15, 1995, the Commission received a petition signed by the residents of the Leasburg exchange requesting COS from the Leasburg exchange to the Sullivan exchange. GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE) is the LEC for the Leasburg exchange and Fidelity Telephone Company (Fidelity) is the LEC for the Sullivan exchange. Fidelity is also the assigned PTC for this route.

On September 29, 1995, the Commission directed GTE to perform a calling usage study to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges. On December 20, 1995, GTE filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Original Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating Exchange</u>	<u>Average Calls Per Access Line</u>	<u>Percent Making 2+ Calls</u>
Leasburg	Sullivan	8.10	67.11.

On March 8, 1996, the Staff of the Commission filed a memorandum recommending that COS be implemented between Leasburg and Sullivan within 120 days.

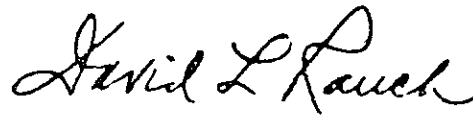
Inasmuch as the petitioning route has met the calling criteria set forth by the Commission in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission finds that a community of interest has been demonstrated. Thus, the Commission determines that COS should be implemented between the Leasburg exchange and the Sullivan exchange within 120 days after this Order is issued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That GTE Midwest, Inc. and Fidelity shall implement community optional service between the Leasburg exchange and the Sullivan exchange within 120 days after the issuance of this Order.

2. That this Order shall become effective on April 2, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.