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RE: Case No. TO-2000-488

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Adoption of the GTE /)
AT&T Communications of the Southwest,)
Inc. Interconnection Agreement by)
Teleport Communications Group, Inc. /)
TCG St. Louis and TCG Kansas City,)
Inc., Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) approve the adoption of the GTE / AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. Interconnection Agreement by Teleport Communications Group, Inc. / TCG St. Louis and TCG Kansas City, Inc.

2. The GTE / AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. Interconnection Agreement received Commission approval in Case No. TO-97-63 effective August 4, 1998.

3. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this adoption of a previously approved Interconnection Agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. section 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

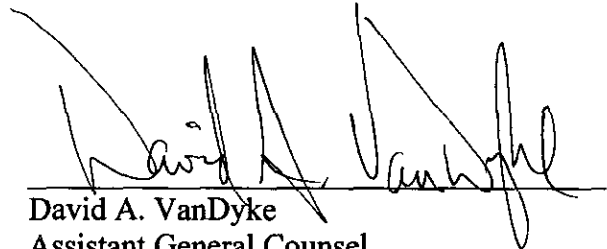
4. The Staff concludes that the adoption of the Interconnection Agreement does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and the Agreement does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

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WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the adoption of the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

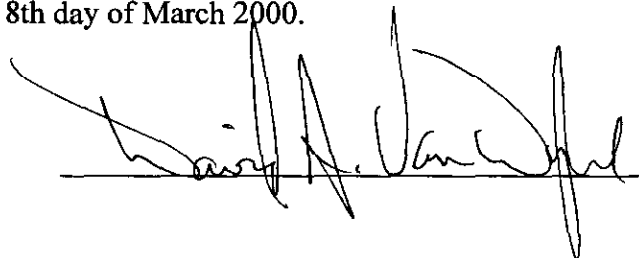


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 8th day of March 2000.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-488
Parties: Teleport Communications Group Inc. (TCG St. Louis and TCG Kansas City, Inc.) and GTE Midwest Incorporated

From: Amonia Moore *AM*
Telecommunications Department *BV*

[Signature] *3/6/00* *Wm K Hase 3/8/00* *SA 3/1/2000*
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: March 6, 2000

Date Filed: February 9, 2000

Staff Deadline: April 17, 2000

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one)

- ☐ Resale Agreement
- ☒ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
By adoption of a previously approved Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations? ☐ Yes ☒ No **GTE and TCG are requesting approval of the adoption of the GTE/AT&T Interconnection Agreement, which received Commission approval in Case No. TO-97-63 effective 8/4/98.**

From	Initials	Date	Revised
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Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☒ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement.
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

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