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RE: Case No. TO-2000-497

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 McLeodUSA)
Telecommunications Services, Inc.)
Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Case No. TO-2000-497

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 grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and GTE Midwest Incorporated, filed on February 16, 2000.

2. The agreement incorporates the terms of the interconnection agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. In Case No. TO-97-63 the Commission, pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, approved the terms of the interconnection agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

3. The Staff notes that in the application, GTE Midwest Incorporated takes the position that if any change is made in the interconnection agreement between it and AT&T, then

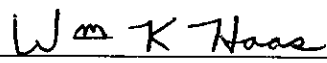
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this agreement should also automatically be modified to reflect those changes since GTE Midwest Incorporated only made these terms available due to the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

WHEREFORE, because the Commission determined in Case No. TO-97-63, that the terms set forth in this agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) in that they do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity, the Staff recommends the Commission enter an Order Approving Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 27th day of March 2000.

Wm K Haas

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TO-2000-497
Parties: GTE Midwest Incorporated, GTE Arkansas Incorporated, and
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

From: Walt Cecil, Telecommunications Department *WC*

[Signature] 3/24/00
Utility Operations Division/Date

Wm K Haas 3/27/00
General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: March 23, 2000

Date Filed: February 16, 2000

Staff Deadline: April 26, 2000

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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
☐ 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

| From | Initials | Date | Revised |
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| Walt Cecil | WC | 03/23/00 | |
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| Mr. VanEschen | <i>[Signature]</i> | | |
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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, i.e., GTE Midwest Incorporated, GTE Arkansas Incorporated, and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., Case No. TO-97-63.
- ☐ Agreement signed by both Parties
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties – separate documents

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

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