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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of July, 1997.

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)
Exhaustion of Telephone Numbers in the 417,) CASE NO. TO-96-1
816 and New 314 Numbering Plan Areas.)

**ORDER GRANTING CLARIFICATION AND DENYING RECONSIDERATION OR HEARING,
AND ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO MODIFY**

On April 9, 1997, the Commission issued its Report and Order in this case accepting one of the recommendations of the Technical Committee (Committee) which was formed to address the Numbering Plan Area (NPA) exhaust in that part of Missouri served by the 816 area code. The Commission accepted and ordered the implementation of Option 2 as offered by the Committee.

On April 21 the Missouri R.S.A. No. 7 Limited Partnership d/b/a Mid-Missouri Cellular, Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc. (hereafter the Cellular Providers) jointly filed an Application for Reconsideration, Clarification or Alternatively, for Rehearing. The Cellular Providers allege that the Commission's Report and Order was unlawful, unjust, unreasonable and unsupported by competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record because the Cellular Providers believe that the Commission did not expressly adopt the entirety of the Committee's recommendation in the Commission's Report and Order.

The Commission's Report and Order accepted in its entirety the recommendation of the Committee regarding Option 2. The Commission did not enumerate the subparts of the recommendation and thus the Commission did not explicitly set out its acceptance of the recommendation as it affects

the Cellular Service Providers. However, the Commission's Report and Order accepted the recommendation of the Committee and this includes the recommendations which appear at page 36 of the Committee Report.

The specific recommendation of the Committee, which has been adopted by the Commission, reads as follows:

Recommendation For Implementing a Geographic Split

In order to accommodate the concerns of the wireless industry, the Committee recommends that any geographic split include the following:

1. If a wireless carrier's service territory resides wholly within the new area code, such carrier will be given 6 months from the date of the end of permissive dialing to return 816 NPA numbers from NXXs shared with wireline companies and 9 months to return 816 NXX codes assigned solely to the wireless carrier.
2. If a wireless carrier's system is divided by the new NPA boundary, the carrier will be given 6 months from the date of the end of permissive dialing to return any 816 NPA numbers from NXXs shared with wireline companies, provided the wireline company is also required to return the NXX. The wireless carrier shall not be required to return numbers from the 816 NPA if the entire NXX is assigned to the carrier. Rather, unless the wireless carrier decides to voluntarily return the NXX, the customers will be allowed to change or keep the 816 number based on their personal preference and use.

On May 2 GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) filed its Motion to Modify Order. Within that motion, GTE asked the Commission to include GTE's Braymer exchange in the 816 area code. GTE has noted that all of its exchanges north of the Kansas City metropolitan area are in the Kansas City MCA plus St. Joseph NPA area (the area encompassed by Option 2) with the exception of GTE's Braymer exchange. In support of its request, GTE has stated that the Braymer exchange is served by a remote office behind the Maysville exchange host switch and that Maysville is included in the area outlined by Option 2. GTE stated that to place Braymer in the new area code while retaining Maysville in the 816 area code will require duplicate translations for both area codes in the host switch.

On May 12 the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) filed Staff's Response to GTE's Motion to Modify Order. Staff stated in its response that in preparing the Report of the Technical Committee, the Committee considered whether the Braymer exchange should be included with the St. Joseph area exchanges under Option 2. The Committee recognized that separating a host switch from a remote switch across area code boundaries would result in some special arrangements by the Company as well as some added expense. The Committee decided to include the Braymer exchange in the out-state area. No pleadings have been filed on this issue by any other party to this case. GTE has not filed any comments to contradict Staff's assertion that this type of arrangement was contemplated by the Committee.

The Commission has reviewed GTE's motion and Staff's response, as well as the entirety of the file, and finds that it was appropriate for the Committee to recognize that some special arrangements, as well as some added expense, may be required in a few unique circumstances. Although these problems are regrettable, they are also inevitable. Fortunately, these are the types of implementation difficulties which may be easily overcome with technology which is available today. These types of "work-arounds" should have been and, in fact, were foreseen. Therefore, the Commission will not grant GTE's Motion to Modify.

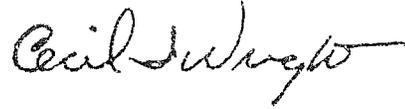
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Application for Reconsideration, Clarification or Alternatively, for Rehearing as filed by Missouri R.S.A. No. 7 Limited Partnership d/b/a Mid-Missouri Cellular, Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc. is granted as to the clarification set out herein and is denied in its request for reconsideration or rehearing.

2. That the Motion to Modify Order as filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated is hereby denied.

3. That this order is effective on July 22, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright".

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton,
Murray, Lumpe and Drainer,
CC., Concur.

ALJ: Roberts