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In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from GTE Midwest Incorporated's) **Case No. TO-97-400**
Gower Exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Kansas City Metropolitan Exchange.)

The Commission received a petition for Community Optional Service (COS) from GTE Midwest Incorporated's (GTE's) Gower exchange to the Kansas City Metropolitan exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The Commission directed GTE to perform calling studies, and GTE filed a motion for a protective order. The Commission issued an order on April 24, 1997, staying further proceedings in the case until resolution of Case No. TO-97-15.

The Commission established Case No. TW-97-333 to consider the future of COS service in a competitive basic local telecommunications environment. By order issued on October 16, the Commission directed that COS service be discontinued throughout the state by March 31, 1998, and that all pending petitions for the service be dismissed. The Commission denied the motions filed for clarification and rehearing on November 18, 1997. Case No. TO-97-15 was dismissed as moot on December 11. Accordingly, this case shall be dismissed.

1. That the petition for COS service filed in this case is dismissed in accordance with the Commission's order in Case No. TW-97-333.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 26, 1997.
3. That this case shall be closed on December 30, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer
and Murray, CC., concur.

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge