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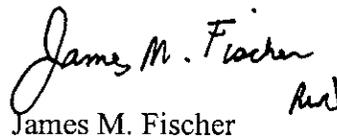
RE: Case No. TR-2001-65

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission and the parties that GTE Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Midwest ("Verizon") will not be filing Direct Testimony in the above-referenced proceeding. As noted in its May 1, 2002 correspondence to Staff Counsel, Verizon is not submitting direct testimony or any additional cost study because Verizon expects to complete the sale of its Missouri properties to CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC before the date of the evidentiary hearing now scheduled in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in bringing this letter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

cc: Parties of Record