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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above referenced case is an original and 14 copies of GTE Midwest Incorporated's Response to STCG's Motion to Stay and Request for Tariff Approval.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Tracy Pagliara

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of an Investigation into the
Provision of Community Optional Calling
Service in Missouri.

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**GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED'S
RESPONSE TO STCG'S MOTION TO STAY
AND REQUEST FOR TARIFF APPROVAL**

COMES NOW, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and hereby files this Response to the Small Telephone Company Group (STCG) Motion to Stay the Elimination of Community Optional Service (COS) that was filed in this docket on October 9, 1998, and Request for Tariff Approval.

STCG requests the elimination of COS be delayed pending implementation of IntraLATA presubscription in the STCG exchanges. At the least, STCG requests the survival of COS as a one-way offering in the STCG exchanges during this period.

GTE does not believe it would be appropriate to maintain COS as a one-way service, but instead, will make GTE's COS replacement service--Extended Exchange Calling Plan (EECP)--available to the secondary carrier (SC) exchange customers residing in Myrtle and Peace Valley. EECP will be offered in the SC exchanges until the earlier to occur of the following (a) intraLATA presubscription is implemented in those exchanges or (b) the Primary Toll Carrier Plan is eliminated.

GTE is filing a tariff with the Commission concurrent with this response to make EECP available on this basis.

WHEREFORE, GTE respectfully requests that the Commission deny STCG's Motion to Stay the Elimination of COS and approve the EECP tariff referenced herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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