

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the matter of the Joint Application of)
GTE Midwest Incorporated and Iowa)
Telecommunications Services, Inc. for)
authority to transfer and acquire part of)
GTE Midwest Incorporated's franchise,)
facilities and system located in the State of)
Missouri and for issuance of Certificates)
of Service Authority to Iowa)
Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a)
Iowa Telecom and for authority for)
Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.)
d/b/a Iowa Telecom to borrow funds in)
connection therewith to execute a)
Telephone Loan Contract, Promissory)
Notes, and a Mortgage, Security Agreement)
and Financing Statement.)

Case No. Tm-2000-403

MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

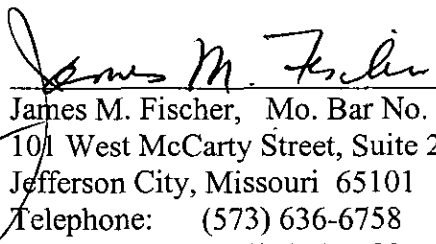
COME NOW GTE Midwest Incorporated ("GTE") and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom ("ITS") (also collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") by and through their counsel, and, for their Motion for Issuance of Protective Order, hereby state as follows:

1. Simultaneously herewith, the Joint Applicants are filing their Joint Application requesting approval of the sale of certain assets of GTE located in Missouri to ITS. Certain attachments to the Joint Application contain Highly Confidential and/or Proprietary information.
2. To protect the Joint Applicants' interest in the confidentiality of such materials and to facilitate the exchange of information between proper parties to the case, and without prejudging the appropriateness of any such discovery requests, the Joint Applicants request an

order of the Commission issuing its customary Protective Order for use during the course of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission to issue its standard Protective Order containing categories for both Highly Confidential and Proprietary information.

Respectfully submitted,

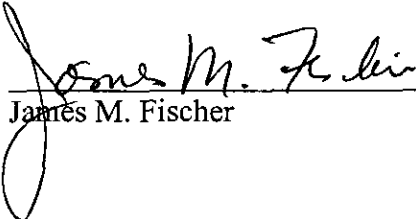

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 4th day of January 2000, to:

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