

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
January 11, 2000**

**CASE NO: TM-2000-403**

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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**Uncertified Copies:**

**To all basic local and interexchange telecommunications companies in Missouri  
To all county commissions located within Clark, Nodaway and Putnam county.**

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

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

**ORDER AND NOTICE**

On January 4, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (ITS), filed a joint application with the Commission for authority for GTE to sell to ITS part of GTE's franchise, facilities and system located in Missouri. ITS also seeks a certificate service authority authorizing it to provide telecommunications services, including basic local and interexchange telecommunications services, in the service areas that it is purchasing from GTE. ITS also seeks authority to borrow from Rural Telephone Finance Corporation and Fleet Securities, Inc., or another broker, an amount of money sufficient to complete the proposed transactions.

GTE proposes to sell to ITS all 296 of GTE's local telephone exchanges located in the state of Iowa. Three of those Iowa exchanges include a total of approximately 105 access lines that serve customers physically located in Missouri. Those three exchanges are: the Athens exchange located in Clark County, Missouri; the Braddyville exchange, located in Nodaway County, Missouri; and the South Seymour exchange, located in Putnam County, Missouri.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the mayors of all municipalities and county commissions located within Clark, Nodaway and Putnam Counties. The Information Officer of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the members of the General Assembly who represent Clark, Nodaway and Putnam Counties, and to the newspapers that serve those counties, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current **Official Manual of the State of Missouri**. In addition, the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all basic local and interexchange telecommunications companies in Missouri.

Proper persons wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to the parties listed below.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission's

Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the Applicant may submit its evidence in support of the application by verified statement. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Information Office and the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.

2. That any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application on or before January 31, 2000 with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and copies shall be served upon the following persons:

James M. Fischer  
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Attorney for Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a  
Iowa Telecom and GTE Midwest Incorporated

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Alan L. Wells  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
115 S. 2nd Avenue  
Newton, Iowa 50209

and

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3. That this order shall become effective on January 21, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of  
authority pursuant to 4 CSR  
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)  
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 11th day of January, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2000.

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

