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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
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RE: Case No. TM-2000-403

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce H. Bates

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cc: Counsel of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

FILED² JUN 2 9 2000 In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE Midwest Incorporated and Iowa Missouri Public Service Commission 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 Case No. TM-2000-403 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its Recommendation states:

In the attached *Memorandum*, which is labeled *Appendix A*, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission issue an order approving Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom's proposed Tariff Pages PSC MO No. 3, Original Adoption Notice Sheet A; PSC MO No. 7, Original Adoption Notice Sheet A; and PSC MO No. 7, 1st Revised Sheet A Cancels Original Sheet A, all with a proposed effective date of June 30, 2000, for the reasons stated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel or parties of record as shown on the attached service list this 29th day of June 2000.

Rruce H Rates

MEMORANDUM

To:

Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Tariff File No. 200001207 Case No. TM-2000-403

GTE Midwest Incorporated and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.

From:

Lisa Mahaney Low GU
Telecommunications Department

Utility Operations Division/Date

Man Pole 6/29/60 BMb 6-29-00

General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject:

Recommendation to Approve Proposed Adoption Notice

Date:

June 27, 2000

On May 25, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Joint Application to Transfer Assets in Case No. TM-2000-403. The Order directed Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. (Iowa Telecom) to file new tariffs substantially similar to the existing tariffs of GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). This filing was made pursuant to the Commission's Order on June 1, 2000. The proposed adoption notices reflect that Iowa Telecom adopts the tariffs of GTE related to the exchanges to be transferred as approved by the Commission. The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has no objections to the proposed adoption notices and recommends the Commission issue an order to approve the following tariff pages effective June 30, 2000:

Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom PSC MO No. 3, Original Adoption Notice Sheet A

Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom PSC MO No. 7, Original Adoption Notice Sheet A

Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom PSC MO No. 7, 1st Revised Sheet A Cancels Original Sheet A

Additionally, the Order directed GTE to remove from its tariffs all references to the exchanges being transferred. As noted by GTE's attorney in a letter filed June 19, 2000, approval of these adoption notices will effectively eliminate from GTE's tariffs all references to the exchanges being transferred. Therefore, GTE will not be required to file any tariff sheets to remove references to the exchanges being transferred.

The Staff is unaware of any other filing which affects or which would be affected by this filing.

Service List for Case No. TM-2000-403 June 29, 2000

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