

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the acquisition) Application No. C-2148
from GTE Midwest Incorporated of)
its Nebraska telephone exchanges) ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL
and assets by Citizens Telecom-) AND PROPRIETARY TREATMENT
munications Company of Nebraska.) Entered: November 16, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On October 27, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated, Kearney, Nebraska, (GTE) and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Stamford, Connecticut, (Citizens) filed a joint application with the Commission seeking authority for approval of acquisition of the GTE Midwest telephone exchanges and assets in Nebraska.

Simultaneously with the filing of that application, GTE and Citizens filed a joint motion pursuant to Rule 017 of the Rules of Commission Procedure requesting that the Asset Purchase Agreement between GTE and Citizens dated September 21, 1999, be treated as a confidential and proprietary record with access thereto restricted to Commissioners and Commission staff.

The Commission is of the opinion that said agreement contains confidential and proprietary business information and data relating to the transaction between the parties that should reasonably and properly be restricted from review by third parties. Therefore, the Commission, being fully advised of the premises, finds that the agreement should be given confidential and proprietary treatment.

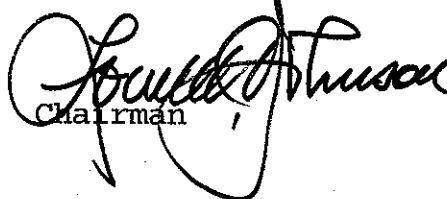
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the agreement between GTE and Citizens dated September 21, 1999, shall be treated as a confidential and proprietary record with access thereto restricted to Commissioners and Commission staff.

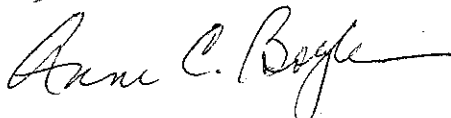
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16th day of November, 1999.

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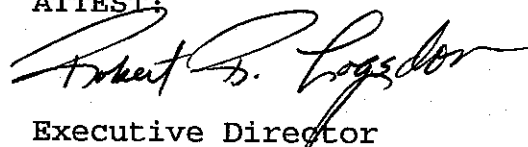
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller