

Service Date: May 11, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	
Of GTE Northwest, Inc. to Withdraw)	
and Replace its Montana Tariffs)	UTILITY DIVISION
with Montana Local Tariff No. 1)	DOCKET NO. 90.2.16
and Montana Access Tariff No. 2)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5471
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FINDINGS OF FACT

On February 5, 1990, GTE Northwest, Inc. (GTE) filed for approval of the Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC or Commission) to withdraw its Montana tariffs and replace them with Montana Local Tariff No. 1 and Montana Access Tariff No. 2. GTE has made this request due to a recent change in its word processing system resulting in reformatted tariff pages. GTE maintains that no rates, conditions, or services have been added, changed, or removed in this filing. GTE had noted, however, that minor revisions were necessary which included references from one tariff to another and revisions to the index.

On February 28, 1990, at a duly noticed work session the Commission found reasonable to docket and notice this filing for opportunity of public hearing to consider approving GTE's tariff filing. This decision was made to inform all interested parties of GTE's request and afford those parties opportunity to make known any particular concerns they have regarding changes to GTE's Montana local exchange and access tariffs.

Upon review of GTE's filing, the Commission found that some text changes were made to the local exchange and access tariff indices. These changes appear consistent with services which have been added or deleted prior to the instant filing. The Commission also finds that no apparent services, conditions or rates have been changed, added to, or removed from GTE's local exchange and access tariffs.

On March 1, 1990, a Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing was served to the public. As of March 30, 1990, no requests for hearing were received by the Commission. The Commission, therefore, approves GTE's request to withdraw its Montana tariffs and replace them with Montana Local Tariff No. 1 and Montana Access Tariff No. 2.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

GTE provides regulated telecommunications services with the State of Montana and is a public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission, Section 69-3-101, MCA.

The Commission has the authority to supervise, regulate and control public utilities. Section 69-3-102, MCA.

The Commission has provided adequate public notice and opportunity to comment in this proceeding pursuant to the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA), Title 69, MCA, and the Commission's Procedural Rules.

ORDER

The reorganized tariffs filed by General Telephone of the Northwest, Inc. in this Docket are hereby APPROVED. This Order does not constitute approval of any substantive change to the services, conditions, or rates in GTE's tariffs.

DONE AND DATED at Helena, Montana this 9th day of May, 1990 by a 3 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.