

BEFORE THE

Illinois Commerce Commission

DOCKET NO. 00-0187

IN THE MATTER OF:

GTE NORTH INCORPORATED,
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED,
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

PLACE: Springfield, Illinois

DATE: March 8, 2000

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GTE NORTH INCORPORATED,) DOCKET NO.
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED,) 00-0187
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)
OF ILLINOIS)

Joint Petition for the approval of)
purchase and sale of assets, and related)
agreements pursuant to Section 7-102 of)
the Public Utilities Act, the issuance of)
Certificates of Interexchange Service, and)
exchange service authority pursuant to)
Sections 13-403, 13-404 and 13-405 to)
Citizens Telecommunications Company of)
Illinois; the discontinuance by GTE North)
Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated of)
service pursuant to Section 13-406 of the)
Public Utilities Act; the issuance of an)
Order approving designation of Citizens)
Telecommunications Company of Illinois as)
an eligible telecommunications carrier)
covering the service area consisting of)
the exchanges to be acquired from GTE)
North Incorporated and GTE South)
Incorporated upon the closing of this)
purchase and sale of assets; the issuance)
of a Letter of Non-opposition to Waiver of)
Study Areas; the authorization of Citizens)
Telecommunications Company of Illinois to)
maintain its books and records outside of)
the State of Illinois; and the granting of)
all other necessary and appropriate relief)

Springfield, Illinois
March 8, 2000

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 A.M.

BEFORE:

MR. DONALD L. WOODS, Examiner

1 APPEARANCES:

2 MS. RENDI MANN-STADT
3 Hinshaw & Culbertson
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5 Springfield, Illinois 62701

6 (Appearing on behalf of GTE North
7 Incorporated and GTE South
8 Incorporated.)

9 MS. LEE ANN CONTI
10 Assistant General Counsel
11 1000 Internationale Parkway
12 Woodridge, Illinois 60517

13 (Appearing on behalf of Citizens
14 Telecommunications Company of Illinois.)

15 MR. DARRYL REED
16 Office of General Counsel
17 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite C-800
18 Chicago, Illinois 60601

19 (Appearing on behalf of Staff of the
20 Illinois Commerce Commission via
21 teleconference.)

22 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
Carla J. Boehl, Reporter
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WITNESSES

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NONE.

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EXHIBITS

MARKED

ADMITTED

NONE.

PROCEEDINGS

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2 EXAMINER WOODS: Call for hearing Docket
3 00-0187, GTE North and South Incorporated, and
4 Citiznes Telecommunications Company of Illinois.
5 This is a joint application and petition relating to
6 the approval of purchase and sale of assets and
7 related agreements. This cause comes on for hearing
8 March 8, 2000, before Donald L. Woods, duly appointed
9 hearing examiner under the authority of the Illinois
10 Commerce Commission. The cause was set today for a
11 hearing in the nature of a prehearing conference to
12 discuss scheduling and other matters.

13 At this time I take the appearances of
14 the parties please, beginning with Applicants.

15 MS. MANN-STADT: Rendi Mann-Stadt, Hinshaw
16 and Culbertson, 400 South Ninth Street, Springfield,
17 Illinois 62701, for Petitioner GTE.

18 MS. CONTI: Lee Ann Conti, Associate General
19 Counsel, 1000 Internationale Parkway, Woodridge,
20 Illinois 60517 on behalf of Citizens
21 Telecommunications Company of Illinois.

22 EXAMINER WOODS: On behalf of Staff?

1 MR. REED: Darryl Reed, Office of General
2 Counsel, 160 North LaSalle, Suite C-800, Chicago,
3 60601, on behalf of the Staff of the Illinois
4 Commerce Commission.

5 EXAMINER WOODS: Any additional appearances?
6 Let the record reflect no response.

7 The record would also reflect
8 discussionS had among the parties before beginning
9 today. We agreed to set this cause over to March 22
10 at 9:00 a.m. for an additional scheduling conference.

11 I would note that the filing in this
12 matter is voluminous and Staff has indicated that
13 they are in the process of going through that filing
14 at this time, and would be prepared at the March 22
15 hearing to have a proposed schedule for discussion.

16 The parties are also encouraged to
17 confer between now and then and see if they can come
18 up with an agreed-to schedule. In the event an
19 agreed-to schedule is impossible, I would be willing
20 to impose a schedule.

21 The Applicants have also indicated their
22 desire to have this docket come to closure and

1 Commission action before the September -- before
2 September 2000. Hopefully, we can get that done. I
3 would encourage the parties again to do what they can
4 as far as reducing the number of issues that are
5 outstanding and do as much as we can as far as
6 getting witnesses' testimony stipulated and
7 dispensing with the necessity of cross examination.

8 So we are going to continue this cause
9 to Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m. Anything
10 further, Ms. Mann-Stadt?

11 MS. MANN-STADT: No.

12 EXAMINER WOODS: Ms. Conti?

13 MS. CONTI: No.

14 EXAMINER WOODS: Mr. Reed?

15 MR. REED: Staff has nothing, Mr. Examiner.

16 EXAMINER WOODS: This cause is continued to
17 March 22 at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon the hearing in this
19 matter was continued until
20 March 22, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.
21 in Springfield, Illinois.)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF SANGAMON)
CASE NO.: 00-0187
TITLE: GTE NORTH INCORPORATED, GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

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I, Carla J. Boehl, do hereby certify that I
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shorthand the evidence taken and proceedings had on
the hearing on the above-entitled case on the 8th day
of March, 2000; that the foregoing 6 pages are a true
and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken
as aforesaid and contain all of the proceedings
directed by the Commission or other persons
authorized by it to conduct the said hearing to be so
stenographically reported.

Dated at Springfield, Illinois, on this 13th
day of March, A.D., 2000.



Certified Shorthand Reporter