

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of GTE Card)
Services Incorporated dba GTE Long Distance) Case No. 96-252-CT-ACE
For a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order (Order) issued in this case on August 22, 1996, as amended by entry issued February 6, 1997, (February Entry) GTE-Long Distance (GTE-LD) was granted an interim certificate to resell interexchange services and other related telecommunications services effective until June 30, 1997 or until the Commission specifically ordered otherwise. GTE-LD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GTE Information Systems, Inc. which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GTE Corporation. GTE North Inc. (GTE North), the local exchange carrier, is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of GTE Corporation.
- (2) As directed in the February Entry, on May 30, 1997, GTE-LD filed a renewed motion for a permanent and unconditional certificate or, alternatively, an extension of the interim certificate until a permanent certificate is issued.
- (3) In light of the affiliation between GTE-LD and GTE North, one of the issues raised by the intervenors in this proceeding, AT&T Communications of Ohio and MCI Telecommunication Corp., and of concern to the Commission, is dialing parity for non-affiliated carriers in GTE North's service territory in accordance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- (4) By Entry issued June 12, 1996, as amended on February 20, 1997, in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI, *In the Matter of the Commission Investigation Relative to the Establishment of Local Exchange Competition and Other Competitive Issues*, (95-845), this Commission ordered local exchange companies to implement intraLATA dialing parity by August 8, 1997. Furthermore, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ordered that any LEC offering in-region interLATA services before August 8, 1997, must implement 1+ equal access by August 8, 1997.

- (5) As evidenced by the Order and February Entry issued in this proceeding and reinforced by the FCC's order, this Commission believes it essential to the entry of new telecommunications providers that GTE North, and other local exchange carriers with toll service affiliates, implement 1+ equal access in the LEC's entire service territory. In this proceeding as well as Case No. 96-457-TP-ATA, *In the Matter of GTE North Incorporated for Approval to Revise its Facility for Intrastate Access Tariff to Offer Intrastate IntraLATA Equal Access*, GTE North has requested a waiver of ~~both the 1+ equal access requirements stated in the Commission's 95-845 order, and the FCC's opinion and order. The Commission has concluded by a separate entry that it cannot grant a waiver beyond the FCC deadline.~~ THE COMMISSION BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER ANY ACTION THE FCC MAY TAKE REGARDING THIS WAIVER REQUEST BEFORE APPROVING A PERMANENT CERTIFICATE FOR GTE-LD. Accordingly, the Commission finds it necessary to extend GTE-LD's interim certificate until the issue of dialing parity in the GTE North service area can be resolved. Therefore, GTE-LD's interim certificate to resell interexchange services and other related telecommunications services should be extended until October 3, 1997 or until the Commission specifically orders otherwise. GTE-LD may file for an extension of this interim certificate by filing such request at least 30 days before the expiration of the interim certificate. All other terms, conditions and restrictions of the interim certificate issued pursuant to the Order and the February Entry shall continue, unless specifically revised by this entry.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That GTE-LD's motion for a permanent and unconditional certificate is denied. It is, further,

ORDERED, That GTE-LD's motion for an extension of the interim certificate is granted until October 3, 1997, and denied to the extent that GTE-LD requested that the interim certificate be extended until a permanent certificate is awarded. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon GTE-LD and its counsel, GTE North and its counsel, each of the intervenors and their counsel, and all other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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