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April 19, 2000

Mr. Edward J. Cadieux
Executive Director, Regulatory and Public Affairs
Gabriel Communications of Kentucky, Inc.
16090 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 500
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

RE: Agreement Regarding Adoption Of An Approved Interconnection Agreement Pursuant To
47 U.S.C. 252(i)

Dear Mr. Cadieux:

Gabriel Communications of Kentucky, Inc. ("Gabriel" and GTE South Incorporated ("GTE")) have executed this agreement regarding the adoption by Gabriel of the arbitrated interconnection agreement between GTE and AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., ("AT&T arbitrated agreement") pursuant to Order of the Public Service Commission in Case No. 96-440 and Case No. 99-397.¹ Gabriel adopts the terms of the AT&T arbitrated agreement for interconnection with GTE and in applying the terms agrees that Gabriel shall be substituted for AT&T in the terms wherever appropriate.

Notice to the parties as may be required under the terms shall be provided as follows to:

GTE South Incorporated
Attn: Assistant Vice President/Associate General Counsel
Service Corporation
600 Hidden Ridge - HQEWMNOTICES
Irving, Texas 75038
Telephone number: 972/718-6361
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And

¹ Based upon previous Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") orders in Case No. 96-440 and Case No. 99-397, GTE concludes that the Commission will require GTE and Gabriel to execute this document in connection with Gabriel's adoption of the terms of the AT&T arbitrated agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252(i). GTE does not voluntarily consent to the execution of this document, and therefore, fully reserves its rights to challenge the aforementioned Cases and the AT&T arbitrated agreement.

GTE South Incorporated
Attn: Director – Wholesale Contract Compliance
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600 Hidden Ridge - HQEWMNOTICES
Irving, Texas 75038
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If to Gabriel:

Gabriel Communications of Kentucky, Inc.
Attn: Director – Carrier Liaison
16090 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 500
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And

Gabriel Communications of Kentucky, Inc.
Attn: Executive Director, Regulatory
16090 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 500
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Gabriel represents and warrants that it has submitted its application for certification as a provider of local telecommunications services in the State of Kentucky (“State”) and its proposed tariffs to the Public Service Commission, that it will not commence operations as a local telecommunications provider in the State until Gabriel’s certification and tariffs become effective, and that Gabriel’s adoption of the terms of the AT&T arbitrated agreement covers services in the State of Kentucky only.

The terms of this agreement shall be in effect until the AT&T arbitrated agreement terms are terminated. The AT&T arbitrated agreement is currently scheduled to expire on August 9, 2002.

Sincerely,

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

GABRIEL COMMUNICATIONS
OF KENTUCKY, INC.

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