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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.

	)	DA 92-966
In the Matter of	)	
	)	
1992 Annual Access Tariff Filings	)	CC Docket No. 92-141 ✓
	)	
GTE Telephone Operating Companies	)	Transmittal No. 711
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1	)	

ORDER

Adopted: July 20, 1992; Released: July 20, 1992

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. On behalf of the GTE Telephone Operating Companies (GTOCs), GTE Service Corporation (GTE) filed a motion to modify the pleading schedule established in the 1992 Annual Access Tariff Order.<sup>1</sup> In that Order, the Bureau, among other things, suspended below-band rates filed by GTE and instituted an investigation into the lawfulness of these rates,<sup>2</sup> directing GTE to file its direct case no later than July 27, 1992. The Bureau directed oppositions to be filed no later than August 10, 1992, and GTE's rebuttal to be filed no later than August 24, 1992.

2. In this motion, GTE states that it intends to file its direct case some time prior to the July 27, 1992 deadline and requests that the Bureau modify the above pleading schedule to require that oppositions be due 14 days after the date GTE chooses to file its direct case, and to permit the GTE rebuttal to be filed 14 days thereafter. GTE justifies this request on the grounds that it will expedite the investigation of its below-band rates.

3. GTE has not provided sufficient justification for modifying the current pleading cycle. An ad hoc departure from the current pleading schedule, particularly one which adopts a cycle that will not be triggered by a date certain, presents potential for confusion. Any benefit which might be realized by adopting GTE's proposal does not outweigh this disadvantage.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Modify the Pleading Schedule set forth in the 1992 Annual Access Tariff Order concerning the Bureau's investigation of GTE's below band rates filed by the GTE Telephone

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<sup>1</sup>1992 Annual Access Tariff Filings, CC Docket No. 92-141, DA 92-841, released June 22, 1992 (1992 Annual Access Tariff Order).

<sup>2</sup>See 1992 Annual Access Tariff Order at paras. 16-17; 99-100.

Operating Companies IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Cheryl A. Tritt  
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau