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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 93-89

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In the Matter of)
Application of Open Network)
Architecture and)
Nondiscrimination Safeguards)
to GTE Corporation)

CC Docket No. 92-256 ✓

Order

Adopted: January 27, 1993

Released: January 27, 1993

By the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division:

1. On November 5, 1992, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to apply to GTE Corporation (GTE) the same regulatory framework of Open Network Architecture and nondiscrimination safeguards that applies to the Bell Operating Companies' participation in the enhanced services market.¹ The Commission requested comment on the NPRM by February 1, 1993 and reply comment by March 3, 1993.

2. On January 25, 1993, GTE requested a 30-day extension of time to file comments and reply comments. GTE states that it is critically important to them that a carefully prepared and complete submission be made. GTE also states that the personnel working on GTE's comments in this proceeding are heavily committed to working on comments in other proceedings.²

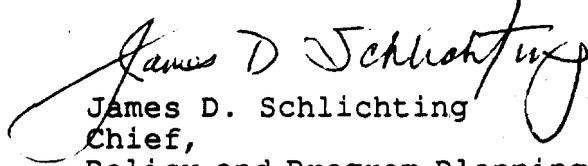
3. In light of the importance of the issues presented in this proceeding, we conclude that the public interest would be served by allowing GTE and other interested parties some additional time for filing comments. A brief extension additionally would not unduly delay the timely completion of this proceeding. We therefore grant in part GTE's request for an extension of time. We will extend by 21 days the deadline for interested parties to file comments and reply comments in this proceeding.

¹ See Application of Open Network Architecture and Nondiscrimination Safeguards to GTE Corporation, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 92-256, FCC 92-495, adopted November 5, 1992.

² See Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, CC Docket No. 91-213 (comments due February 1, 1993); Expanded Interconnection with Local Telephone Companies, CC Docket No. 91-141 (petition for reconsideration comments due February 3, 1993).

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that comments to the NPRM are due **February 22, 1993** and reply comments are due **March 24, 1993**.

Federal Communications Commission

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James D. Schlichting
Chief,

Policy and Program Planning Division