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In the Matter of)
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Federal-State Joint Board on) CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)

To: Common Carrier Bureau

GTE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DATA

GTE Service Corporation, on behalf of its affiliated domestic local exchange companies, pursuant to §1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.46, respectfully requests an extension of seven days to file certain data in response to the Order, DA 97-1433, released July 9, 1997 ("Data Request Order") in the above-referenced proceeding. Specifically, GTE requests permission to file no later than August 22, 1997 the data referenced in item (12) under paragraph 7 of the Data Request Order.

Item (12) requires GTE to submit the material and installed cost of each digital switch placed in service during 1995 and 1996, as well as the number of lines served by each switch. GTE replaced over 200 switches in 1995 and 300 in 1996. GTE personnel responsible for compiling this information have also been responsible for implementing recent scheduled software releases in a number of GTE central offices. Therefore, due to the significant number of

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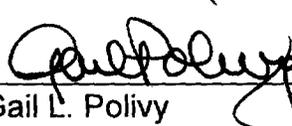
switch replacements and the resource constraints, GTE is unable to submit the digital switch cost information by the required August 15 date. GTE proposes to file this data in the format specified by the Data Request Order no later than August 22, 1997.

For these reasons, GTE believes that an extension is justified. Because the material will be submitted within a week, this extension should not jeopardize the ability of the Commission to evaluate the forward-looking cost models for the purpose of determining high cost support. Accordingly, GTE respectfully requests that the Bureau grant this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

GTE Service Corporation on behalf of
its affiliated domestic telephone
operating companies

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