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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. - Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: GTE Update and Revision to Universal Service Data Request - CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas,

GTE Service Corporation, on behalf of its domestic affiliated telephone operating companies, submit the accompanying information in response to the Commission's Order, *In the Matter of Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service*, DA 97-1433, released July 9, 1997 ("Order"). Pursuant to the Order, GTE and other local exchange carriers are directed to submit certain information to enable the Commission to evaluate forward-looking cost models for purposes of determining universal service support to rural, insular, and high cost areas.

This filing provides information for Arkansas, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Oregon as a result of revised loop length studies for these state in response to items 5(c) and (d). Consequently, data previously submitted in response to items 2 (loop length studies) and 7 (subscriber utilization studies) are revised to reflect the new updated studies.

This filing represents the "Public" version of GTE's response. Pursuant to the Order, and Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, C.F.R. §0.459, GTE is submitting a separate "Confidential" version requesting the information contained therein not be made routinely available for public inspection.

Responses are provided in both paper and prescribed electronic formats; however, data submitted in response to those questions appearing on Attachment 1 of the required spreadsheets are provided in electronic format only (files included on the enclosed diskettes are "zipped" files).

Please call me at (202) 463-5293 if there are any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Randolph
Director - Regulatory Matters

Attachment

c: Ms. Sheryl Todd, Universal Service Branch (two copies)
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