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Ms. Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

**Ex Parte:** **Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45**  
**Access Charge Reform, CC Docket 96-262**

Dear Ms. Salas,

Today, June 1, 1998, Dennis Weller and myself of GTE met with Rich Lerner, Brad Wimmer, Lori Wright, Tamara Preiss, and Rich Cameron of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss responses to staff questions regarding the recovery of GTE's universal service contributions and revisions to access charges as submitted in an *ex parte* on May 29, 1998 in the proceedings listed above. We also discussed customer notification language that might accompany any change in rates to end users and suggested language similar to that previously used by GTE Wireless (a copy of the GTE bill message is attached).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (202) 463-5293.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Randolph  
Director - Regulatory Matters

Attachment

c: Rich Cameron  
Rich Lerner  
Tamara Preiss  
Lori Wright  
Brad Wimmer

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**Message in GTE Wireless Bills for two cycles**

**In February, 1998, you will see a new monthly charge ("Fed. Universal Srvc. Fee") of \$.65, per line, on your bill. This assessment will support GTE Wireless' payment into the Federal Universal Service Fund, which it is now required to make under FCC regulations.**

**Congress intended that the Universal Service Fund ensure that affordable telecommunications are available to all Americans, and to permit eligible schools, libraries, and rural health-care facilities to benefit from discounted service rates.**