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Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45/97-160, DA 98-715, Federal State Board on Universal Service

Dear Ms. Salas:

GTE is conducting a series of meetings with members of the Federal State Board on Universal Service. On July 10, we met with Julia Johnson and Mark Long of the Florida PUC, on July 14, we met with David Baker of the Georgia PUC and Rowland Curry of the Texas PUC staff, and on July 15 with Brian Roberts of the California PUC staff. The participants from GTE were, variously, Bev Menard, Tommy Chasak, Jenny Wong, Fred Hesse and Bill Kreuz from our state relations staffs, and Dennis Weller, Ed Beauvais, Jim Beckert, and Dean Foreman from our Dallas central staff. We discuss the materials that GTE has previously filed in this docket, specifically the need for a federal universal service fund that removes the hidden subsidies from interstate access charges.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. section 1.1206(a)(2) (1991), please include this letter in the record of the above proceeding. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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