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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, DA 98-715, Federal State Board on Universal Service

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Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 22 and 23, 1998, Dennis Weller, Scott Randolph and I from GTE met with Tom Power and John Nakahata of the Chairman's office and Paul Gallant of Commissioner Tristani's office. We discussed the materials that GTE has filed previously in the above docket. They include a White Paper and outline presentation on universal service, an outline presentation on auctions, and a computer program that enables comparisons of various universal service benchmark levels.

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

cc: Tom Power
Paul Gallant

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